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LOCAL NEWS.

THE next regular meeting of the board of supervisors will begin on Tuesday, Dec. 10.

MAMA eats a Cascaret, baby gets the benefit. Cascarets make mother's milk mildly purgative.

THE Ryan & Runyan hardware store at Hammond was robbed Sunday night. Revolvers and razors were stolen.

THE family of the late W. C. Foster to-day received $2,000 from the Aetna Life insurance company, through the Decatur agent, J. W. Crane.

THE infant son of Mr. and Mrs. John Donahue died Sunday at the St. Cloud Hotel. The funeral is in progress this afternoon from the Catholic church.

JUDGE VAIL was in court Saturday long enough to reduce the bail of young Clifton from $700 to $400 and then court was adjourned until Saturday, Nov. 30.

W. F. TOWNE is having his preliminary examination this afternoon in Justice Odor's court for criminal assault upon his little stepdaughter, Miss Pemberton.

ABOUT twenty-five Decatur Masons will attend the dedication of the new Masonic Temple at Atwood Friday. They will leave in a body at 11:30 Friday morning.

CHARLES H. CHILDS and Frank I. Evans have sold the Illinois agency for their puzzle, "16 to 1," to A. J. Wallace. Mr. Wallace will push the sale of the puzzle in the territory covered by his traveling salesmen.

"I ESCAPED being a confirmed dyspeptic by taking Ayer's Pills in time." This is the experience of many. Ayer's Pills, whether as an after-dinner pill or as a remedy for liver complaint, indigestion, flatulency, water brash, and nausea, are invaluable.

JOHN J. SHEEN, an old-time Decatur printer, has started the *Daily Star* at Mt. Pulaski. It looks like a good thing, and it will be pushed right along if the people of the Mount and vicinity will help J. J. in the laudable undertaking.

THE funeral of Mrs. Sarah Rambo, aged 74 years, took place at Cerro Gordo Sunday. Deceased leaves six sons—Charles and Benbon of Decatur, George of LaPlace, William of Cairo, Louis of Clarion, Iowa, and John Rambo of Ellingham.

WHAT'S the matter with you? Constipated? Cascarets will cure. Eat them like candy.

ATTORNEY W. H. BLACK went to Macon to-day to represent Mrs. Mary Ward in a suit brought against her by Andrews & Dunkle, contractors for the cost of building a house. Mrs. Ward's defense is that the house was not built according to the contract.

C. W. BANCROFT, a Wabash brakeman on the Chicago division, was buried at Bement on Sunday. Bennett was a brakemen on a freight train and was accidentally killed while on the train. The parents of the deceased resides at Bement, and a sister, Mrs. Strobel, resides in Decatur on Cantrell street.

THE State Teachers' Association begins at Representatives hall at the state house on Wednesday evening, December 25, and continues Thursday and Friday, December 26 and 27. Prof. C. H. Gilbert, superintendent of the St Paul, Minn., schools, will deliver an address some time during the meeting. Two evening addresses will be delivered, one by Richard G. Moulton, of the Chicago University, and one by Dr. Shaw, professor of pedagogy of Columbia College, New York.

Matrimonial.

Last evening at 8 o'clock Harry J. Maxwell and Miss Emma Yantis were married at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs Sarah Yantis, No. 1213 North Union street. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. H. Penhallegon of the Presbyterian church. The wedding was a quiet one, only a few relatives and intimate friends being present. The house was nicely decorated for the occasion. After the ceremony refreshments were served, and there was music. The newly married couple were the recipients of many handsome presents. The groom is an employe at the Mueller Manufacturing company and the bride is in the employ of the Linn & Scruggs company. They will go to housekeeping at once in a newly furnished house at No. 1351 North College street.

Harry Hayward Confesses.

MINNEAPOLIS, MINN., Nov. 26.—Harry Hayward, who is under sentence of death for the murder of Catherine Ging, has made a confession in which he admits responsibility for the killing and that the assassin, Ging, needed very little urging and has been paid at different times for the crime amounts aggregating $2,000.

SAY, why don't you try DeWitt's Little Early Risers? These little pills cure heartache, indigestion and constipation. They're small, but do the work. West's drug store.

$2000 AT FAIR LAWN.

Important Park Improvements Under the Direction of W. H. Bramble.

Driveways Laid Out and Graveled in Fine Style—The New Entrance—Stone Columns.

During the past five weeks the park commissioners have expended park funds judiciously at Fair Lawn, the old fair grounds, W. H. Bramble having general charge of the important improvement. The greatest outlay was for the erection of a home for the park custodian, Adam Stoker. It is a handsome dwelling and cost $1200. The grading was in the rough when Mr. Bramble entered the park to lay out the drives in o. g. form, and he has more than pleased the commissioners by his good taste in the arrangemente, and in the expenditure of something over $700 for the gravel used for the drives, which extend to the right and left of the old race track, elevated boulevards of generous width protecting the track, except at proper entrances, from invasion by vehicles. The entrance to the park is on a line with Eldorado street, and is full 40 feet wide up to the gate, with 10 feet on each side for sidewalks. Stone columns 12 and 20 feet high will form the gate entrance, the space for which is 20 feet wide and that for pedestrians is four wide. Outside the gate the street is graveled east a distance of 60 feet. Inside the park the grading is nicely done, and the gravel work is completed in a thorough manner so there will be perfect drainage. From the gate to the turn drive is 40 feet wide, the drive to the right extending in sensible park curves along the north side of the track over to the northwest part of the grounds, swerving to the left over the big hill and east to connect with the drive on the south side. The graveled driveway also extends south to the bridge at the springs, and also a short distance west, south of the track. All of the money that could be used this year, has been put in the Fair Lawn improvement. The result is entirely satisfactory. The lowest bid for the gravel delivered was by William Bundy at 60 cents a load. Mr. Bramble thought he could do better and he got over 500 yards delivered at a cost of 40 cents a yard. He bought the gravel in the bank, and hired teams to do the hauling. This deal was a great saving.

The park commissioners compliment Mr. Bramble on the taste he has displayed in laying out the drives and boulevards and also for his economy in the expenditure of the park funds for the public good.

"Pacer's" Last Statement

Pacer Smith, who is to be executed next Friday, has published a card in which he expresses sorrow for the crimes he committed, and for which he is about to suffer the extreme penalty of the law, and hopes that the Lord will have mercy on his soul. When one who committed a cold-blooded murder, such as the one Smith committed, ceases to glory over it; and explain it; and ceases to throw the responsibility for it upon others and becomes sorry for his crime and truly repents it, then the matter should be left with him and his God. This is altogether different from the ridiculous statement he put out last week in which he undertook to discuss theology, fix up a good character for himself and throw the moral responsibility for his crime upon those who suffered most on account of it. In that statement he expressed no sorrow for his reckless life nor for the crime in which it culminated, but on the contrary defended both. It was an expression of egotism, bombast and depravity totally inexcusable in one who was nearing the end of life's span. His present statement of sorrow and hope is the opposite of his former statement and will be accepted by the public as sincere and should operate as a lesson to others, who are leading reckless lives, that a day of reckoning must come at last.

Arm Aputated.

John Murray, a workman in the Wabash shops, recently had his left hand mashed while at work, and as a result had two fingers of the hand amputated. The operation was performed at the Springfield Wabash hospital. Yesterday the physicians discovered that blood poisoning in the arm would compel them to amputate the arm. A telegram was received to-day announcing that the operation was performed.

Matrimonial.

Miss Lizzie Burns, of South Franklin street, and Jud Traughber, of Mt. Zion, son of A. C. Traughber, and brother of Mrs. L. H. Abel, this city, were united in marriage at 11 o'clock by Rev. Father Mackin, at the home of the priest on East Eldorado street. The couple left for Chicago at noon. They will reside on a farm near Mt. Zion.

Cullen in Custody.

Officer Brockway to-day took John Cullen in custody. Cullen has been a patient at the state asylum for the insane at Kankakee. He has been a parole patient for some weeks, and had been behaving himself like other men in the neighborhood until a few days ago when he became a nuisance. Now he will be taken back to the asylum.

True Enough.

"The pumpkins on the market,
The buckwheat's in the mill,
And the frost is on the boarder
Who doesn't pay his bill."

THE BARTEAU DIAMOND.

No One Appears to Prosecute David Levy and He is Discharged.

The David Levy case was disposed of before Justice Odor this morning. The case is one in which A. B. Barteau charged David Levy with the theft of a diamond worth $1,000. Levy and another party were detected in Chicago trying to sell a stone. At one house where Levy tried to dispose of the diamond it was weighed. Marshal Mason had the matter in charge and Chicago detectives were on the watch and arrested Levy and charged him with the theft. Mason was notified of the arrest and went to Chicago Saturday. After he arrived the discovery that the diamond had been weighed was made and Barteau at once telegraphed the house from whom it had been purchased and found that the weight tallied exactly with the one Levy tried to sell. This was sufficient to identify the diamond lost by Barteau. Levy's friends in Decatur, upon hearing of his arrest, immediately employed counsel and secured bail, and as soon as he was brought to the city he was released on bail. The case was set for this morning before Justice Odor. Much has been said and written about the case. It became a matter of general interest and the public will be interested to know how it came out. The justice's docket tells the story. Here it is:

Now comes the defendant at the hour appointed and after waiting one hour the prosecution comes not, nor any one for him, and on motion of the defendant, David Levy, by his attorney, W. C. Johns, this case is dismissed at cost of the prosecution.

Now the question naturally arises—who gets the diamond? It is said to be worth $1,000, and is in possession of Marshal Mason. Mr. Barteau identified it in Chicago as his property, and Mr. Levy was placed under arrest. Mr. Levy was in court to-day to plead not guilty and stand trial. No one appeared to prosecute him, and he was discharged. Ordinarily in such cases one would think that the gem would be turned over to Levy, but Mason has not been approached to surrender the diamond. He will retain it, however, until somebody claims it. He has no use for it, though it is a pretty and valuable trinket, and would gliston like a sunburst on the shirt front of the chief of police. Possibly Mr. Barteau, who left Chicago Saturday evening for Appleton, Wis., to join his wife, forgot the day of the preliminary hearing, but it is not likely that he has lost interest in the diamond. A few days more and the present anxiety as to who will get the diamond will be settled.

COSTLY FOR ALBERT.

Supreme Court Decision in the Warrensburg Election Case.

A year ago last spring there was a village election at Warrensburg, and Wm. Beall and J. M. Albert were rivals for president of the board. The incumbent was Beall. The board declared that Albert was elected. Beall would not retire, claiming that he was duly elected by four votes. Albert's friends insisted that he was elected by a majority of two. There was a trial before Judge Nelson, who declared Albert elected. Beall took an appeal to the Supreme court, and that court has reversed and remanded the case, putting about $300 costs on Albert for him to pay. Beall served out his time and drew the president's salary, which was only $12. Each party has paid out $200 to the lawyers. The attorneys for Beall were Mills Bros. and J. M. Gray, and those for Albert were W. C. Johns and David Hutchison.

Marriage Licenses.

Harry J. Maxwell, Decatur	27
Emma A. Yantis, Decatur	20
Oliver N. Walker, Macon	23
Allie A. Johnston, Macon	21
William Morris, Decatur	53
Mrs. Sarah May, Decatur	51
Isaac T. Archer, Decatur	46
Annie Sebring, Decatur	33
Alex P. Buchman, Decatur	32
Mrs. Dona P. Brush, Decatur	35
Charles Conkling, Boody	27
Welthy Martin, Elwin	23

A Wedding.

Walter T. Walmsley, of this city, and Miss Lucile Herbert, of Macon, will be married at Lincoln to-morrow morning by Rev. J. W. Eckman, formerly of Macon. A small party of friends from Decatur and Macon will accompany them to Lincoln, and immediately after the ceremony all will return to Decatur and will take dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Taylor on West Decatur street.

To Increase the Stock.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Illinois Central has been called for next Tuesday to consider the proposition of increasing the capital stock of the company $50,000,000 or $60,000,000. The proposition is one that originated with the directors, and the stockholders will have to decide in what manner the increase will be made.

All Paid.

TUSCOLA, Ill., Nov. 24.—The handsome new Methodist Episcopal church of this city was dedicated to-day. Chaplain McCabe delivered the dedicatory sermon. The church cost $20,000 and seats 1,500 people. The last of the indebtedness was to-day wiped out by popular subscription.

EL PASO is organizing a Uniform Rank Knights of Pythias, with thirty members to start.

COSTLY FIRE AT BOODY.

The Home of Christian Schwab in Ashes—Loss $2500.

Narrow Escape of Members of the Family—Verina Soland's Rescue.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The handsome new home of Christian Schwab, at the town of Boody, caught fire between 1 and 2 o'clock this morning, supposedly from a defective flue, and was totally destroyed, together with nearly everything of value it contained. The snow and sleet storm was at its height, and the wind served to fan the consuming flames and hasten the destruction of the dwelling.

The inmates had a narrow escape for their lives. Two persons particularly were in danger. Miss Louise Bohlander, a young woman, and Verina Soland aged 3 years, daughter of George W. Soland, occupied an upper room. They were awakened by the stifling smoke, and the cries of the people who had assembled. Miss Bohlander grabbed a lot of articles of value and carried them down the stairway. Then she hurried back through the smoke to rescue the little girl. Coming down the stairway the smoke was so dense that both were nearly prostrated. But Miss Bohlander made a heroic rush for the nearest door, away from the licking flames, and got through in safety. That door was the only outlet. The fire was gaining on the two young people. Miss Bohlander broke through a window and escaped.

The little girl had been left at the Schwab place yesterday by her mother who had come to Decatur on a shopping trip, and last evening Verina was permitted to remain there for the night by request of Mr. Schwab.

The loss by the fire was $2,500. Insurance $700 in the Continental.

THE WABASH CHANGE.

Charles M. Hays Will Retire as Manager Dec. 1.

The following circular was issued yesterday from Wabash headquarters, St. Louis:

The Wabash Railroad Company, Office of President, New York, Nov. 25, 1895.—Mr. Charles M. Hays, having resigned as vice-president and general manager of the Wabash Railroad Company, to accept a position in another company, Mr. Joseph Ramsey, jr., has been appointed general manager in his place, both resignation and appointment to become effective December 1, 1895.

Officers and other employes of the company will be governed according to this transfer of authority hereby announced. O. D. ASHLEY, President.

Mr. Hays will not take charge of the affairs of the Grand Trunk railway of Canada until the beginning of the new year, but he desires a brief breathing spell before entering upon his new duties at Montreal. During the coming month he will close up his private affairs in St. Louis, introduce the new manager of the Wabash at the chief terminal points, and dispose of various matters of detail pertaining to the management of the Wabash. It need scarcely be said that every employe of the Wabash from the President to the elevator boy, says the *Globe-Democrat*, sincerely regrets Mr. Hays' resignation, while he carries with him the best wishes of all for success in his new field of activity. The departure of Mr. Hays is somewhat like the removal of the head of the family, and the Wabash family relations are not often disturbed, but the new manager, Mr. Joseph Ramsey, has the assurance of loyalty and support in every department. He created a most favorable impression during the recent inspection trip among the operating and traffic officials and the heads of departments.

DIED SUNDAY MORNING.

The Six-Year-Old Son of J. S. Bicknell Passes Away.

The six-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Bicknell died Sunday morning shortly after 7 o'clock at 803 West Wood street, of membraneous croup. The child had been sick about a week, and on last Friday night, when the boy grew gradually worse and in imminent danger of choking to death, an operation known as intubation was performed by Dr. E. E. Hagler, of Springfield, assisted by Drs. Jones & Chenoweth, of this city. The boy grew a little better but was unable to rally much and died Sunday morning. The funeral is in progress this afternoon from the residence, Rev. D. F. Howe of the First M. E. church, officiating.

Revival Meeting at Mt. Zion.

To-night the Rev. A. M. Danely will begin a series of revival meetings at the M. E. church at Mt. Zion. There will be preaching every night this week at 7 p. m. Rev. A. Willard of Macon will be present to assist in the services.

Rev. A. M. Danely held three revival services in the Vowel school house south of Hervey last week. The house was crowded each night. There were six additions to the church on Friday night. They will be connected with the church at Mt. Zion.

There will be an entertainment given by the Epworth League at Blue Mound Chapel near Boody on Thursday night this week. After the entertainment a supper will be served in a farm house near by. A cordial welcome to all.

SMITH'S LAST WORDS.

He Sends Out a Statement to the General Public.

In the mail last evening the REPUBLICAN received this self-explanatory note mailed from the county jail:

DECATUR, ILL., Nov. 24, 1895.

FINAL STATEMENT TO THE PRESS.

EDITOR DECATUR REPUBLICAN: Dear Sir—Please publish my final statement to the public. I do not know who murdered Matt McKinley. I do not know who robbed William Florey. I have repeatedly expressed my sorrow for my crimes in the presence of witnesses. Finally I repeat that I am sorry for having attempted to murder my wife, for having murdered my child and for having murdered my sister-in-law. I hope God will have mercy on my soul. I forgive all who have said unkind things about me and hope God will forgive them their sins.

Yours truly,
C. N. SMITH.

VISITORS SHUT OUT.

This is November 26. The execution of Smith will take place at noon on Friday. All visitors will be shut out from the presence of the condemned man except the attending priests and the relatives. Smith is not to be disturbed in his studies and reflections. No doubt it would be a relief for him to have a constant stream of visitors but it has been thought best that as he is in the shadow of death there should be nothing done or said that would tend to direct his mind from the full meaning of the expiation of his double crime.

He will have no company now except the death watches by day and night, and the presence occasionally of his mother, sisters and brothers, and the priests.

PACER SMITH'S FUNERAL.

Body to be Buried in the Catholic Cemetery.

Less than two days hence and Pacer Smith will have been executed for his double crime, of murder to which he promptly confessed his guilt, and for which he now expresses sorrow.

It is arranged by his relatives that immediately after the hanging at noon Friday, the body will be removed from the county jail to the home of the mother, Mrs. Rebecca Smith, on South Franklin street, on the hill, this side the county bridge. There it will remain until Sunday forenoon or Sunday afternoon, when it will be removed to St. Patrick's church where the Catholic funeral services will be held. No doubt the church will be crowded. The burial will be at the Catholic cemetery near Fair Lawn Park.

TESTED THE GALLOWS.

Last night Sheriff Nicholson who in person will spring the trap in the performance of his official duties, had the gallows tested in the presence of Deputies Holmes, Taylor, Stabler, a number of spectators, including two ladies, and members of the press. A bag of sand weighing 235 pounds was used to stretch the rope good. The fall of the trap doors made a great noise which could be easily heard by Smith and by Father Brady who was with the condemned man. The sheriff will conduct the execution without a hitch if possible. The rope is good and strong. Smith weighs 175 pounds. The drop will leave his feet about a foot above the stone floor. The fall will be about six feet. Smith will be shaved to-morrow morning, and again Friday forenoon, just after he is dressed for his walk to the gallows. He will probably say good-bye to all relatives to-morrow evening.

HARRIS' LAST HOPE.

FREEPORT, ILL., Nov. 26.—Preparations for erecting Harris' scaffold were commenced this afternoon. The murderer's friends are making strenuous efforts to secure a reprieve. Ex-Mayor Nieman left for Springfield to-day, bearing many letters to Gov. Altgeld from citizens asking for a reprieve. Father Horan of the Irish Catholic Church has been a regular visitor, but to day the murderer sent for the Rev. John H. Klaus of the German Methodist church. After Mr. Klaus had prayed with him Harris said he felt better.

It will not cure everything. It is not claimed that it will cure but one complaint, that is, dyspepsia. We cannot say that it will cure every case of dyspepsia, but it will cure a large majority of them. Such cases as are adapted to its use will derive immediate benefit. One small bottle will be sufficient to test it.

The Shaker Digestive Cordial is especially adapted for emaciated or elderly people whose food does them but little good because it is not digested. The Cordial contains an artificially digested food and is a digester of food happily combined. Read one of the little books which your druggist is now giving away and learn of this wonderful remedy.

A really palatable Castor Oil can now be had under the name of **Laxol.**

Born.

To Mr. and Mrs. John Reinhart of 553 South Sigel street, Nov. 25, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Levi Becker of 436 East Wabash avenue, on Monday, Nov. 25, a daughter.

To Mr. and Mrs. Smith Crowder at the residence of D. S. Shellabarger, on Sunday, Nov. 24, a daughter.

THERE are many good reasons why you should use One Minute Cough Cure. There are no reasons why you should not, if in need of help. The only harmless remedy that produces immediate results. West's drug store.

ROMANTIC WEDDING.

In October Dr. Girard, of Chicago, and Miss Josie Carder, of Decatur, Were Married at Kenosha.

A surprise wedding with a rosy tinge of romance clinging about it is brought out under the rays of the noon-day sun with this issue of the REPUBLICAN. The event occurred in the city of Kenosha, Wis., on the sixteenth day of the month of October of the present year, just thirty-eight days ago, when the Rev. George Goldthorpe, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church at Kenosha, officiated, speaking the mystic ceremony which united Dr. Alfred O. Girard, of Chicago, and Miss Josephine Edna Carder, of Decatur, daughter of Mrs. John Carder, who is in charge of the Hotel Greer, Prairie avenue.

The marriage was kept subrosa, principally because the young physician and surgeon was not prepared in October to receive his bride. She had been in Chicago on a visit with friends and while there met Dr. Girard. There is a modest admission that the courtship was brief and the swift sequel was the marriage, the young wife returning to her Decatur home, refraining from alluding to the all-important event, until a short time ago, when she informed her mother. In the meantime Dr. Girard came to Decatur and called at the Greer. To all but the bride and her mother the young visitor was known only as a visitor. Now the secret is out and congratulations are in order.

Dr. Girard, who is now in Decatur, is a young man of fine personal address, tall and energetic. He is a son of Major A. C. Girard, a surgeon of the United States regular army, who is now located at Salt Lake City, Utah. Dr. Girard is a physician and surgeon, and is connected with the scientific department of the Chicago Board of Health. He is at present in charge of the Anti-Toxine treatment for diphtheria, Chicago Board of Health. His office is on the West side.

To-morrow Dr. and Mrs. Girard will leave for Chicago where they will reside.

The bride has hosts of personal friends in Decatur social circles who for a number of years have known and admired her for her uniform amiability and accomplishments.

"DEAD HORSE" TAX SALE.

Neglected Property Knocked Off to the Highest Bidder.

County Treasurer C. H. Patterson, assisted by County Clerk J. M. Dood, cleared his books of lands which had been forfeited to the state for non-payment of taxes. The forfeitures on the tracts involved have accumulated until the unpaid taxes are greater than the assessed valuation of the property. For 20 years the taxes have been unpaid and at each June sale the county treasurer declared the tracts forfeited to the state. The total amount of the forfeiture was $800.

The total extent of the farm land offered yesterday by Treasurer Patterson was a trifle over 143 acres. Of this amount 82 acres were in Oakley township, 30 acres in Blue Mound township, 2.61 acres in Decatur township in two different tracts; 8 acres in Macon township and 2.50 acres in Whitmore township. The lots were situated as follows: Three in Oakley, one in Decatur, three in West Danville and one in Mt. Zion. There were 30 different pieces all told. The lot in Decatur was assessed in the name of J. C. Robinson, and is a part of lot 2 in Western addition. The seven feet front on Cerro Gordo street west of Monroe and run back the full length of the lot. It is said that the title and description of this tract are perfect. The taxes assessed against that seven-foot strip amount to more than $200 and S. S. Jack bought it yesterday for $14. J. C. Hostetler bought a lot in the village of Mt. Zion for $1. J. B. Harmon bought a five-acre tract in Blue Mound township for $1. John Savage, of Oakley, was the heaviest buyer at the sale and altogether bought 75 acres of land in that township. Some of the land that he bid in adjoins property that he already owns. The total receipts for the sale were $350 and the delinquent taxes were over $800 in Oakley alone.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Mrs. Charles Scott and children of Louisville, Ky., arrived to-day for a visit with Major R. T. Williams and family on North Union street.

D. T. Sherman, formerly of Decatur, writes us from his new home at Butler, Ill., to renew his weekly subscription, and adds: "I live in the 18th district, and the atmosphere seems purer since Nov. 5th. I am the same solid Republican as ever."

Richard Butler, late of the Clinton *Public*, will will dispose of his residence in that city, and move to Hamilton, Canada, in the spring, where he will make his home. Mr. Butler is a Canadian by birth, but has been a loyal subject of the United States for many years.

SCRAPS FOR TURKEYS.

One Sent Adrift as a Gift Every Hour To-Day.

True to their promise, the Maienthal & Sons' clothing firm at their store, 232 North Main street, let fly a live turkey every hour from the third story window of the building, the turkey to go to the man, boy or woman who would get it first. The turkey gifts began at 8 o'clock, and every hour thereafter through the day a feast for Thanksgiving went fluttering from the third story window.

In the street were collected hundreds of men and boys of all ages, and the crowd increased as the day wore on. It was a circus to witness the general scramble. No one could tell just which way the turkey would fly, north, south, or west, or drop to the sidewalk directly under the window. Every clip it was a puzzle, a push and a scramble, with sometimes a hot scrap and contention as to who first got hands on the turkey. The "turks" could know nothing about the game, and all they did was to fly or roost high, and when they struck the street to run for their lives. None got away. One man fell flat on a turkey and bore it off in triumph while he brushed the snow and mud from his clothes. Mr. Maienthal secured police officers to preserve order. It was well that they were engaged. At 1 o'clock there was a close call for a general fight, such as one sees sometimes in a foot-ball game. Twenty boys and men made the rush for the turkey, and all came down together in a bunch, so that it was impossible to tell who reached the bird first. A boy made a slide in the mud and apparently was the first to reach the scudding turkey, but a moment later there was such a struggling mixture no one could tell who ought to have the bird. The police pulled and hauled at the crowd, and finally disclosed the turkey held at the leg by a big boy who had a scratch on the side of his face and a scared look in his eyes. The small boy stood up for his rights, and did a lot of jawing and kicking. He had eye-witnesses in his favor, and the officers turned the turkey over to him. The big boy made a roar, and stood aside to wait his luck at two o'clock.

Maienthal & Sons are having lots fun and plenty of advertising out of the turkey gifts. Lots of people will have turkey to-morrow through their generosity. The firm has also given away scores of turkeys with $10 purchases made at their store.

A TURKEY RACE.

The firm this afternoon made up a race for boys for a turkey. Fifteen boys started from the court house at the word "go," and they tore through the streets to the store like going to a fire. Arlie Morgan, brother of "Blinky," got there first and won the prize.

There is to be a run of 100 yards for a turkey.

OLD MAN CRAWFORD.

He is a County Charge, Sick and Weary—A Broken Life.

William H. Crawford, aged 74 years, the father of Bill Crawford, who was hanged March 14, 1891, by Sheriff Perl, for the murder of Mrs. Lina Mathews, is now a county charge, and to-day occupies a cell in the city prison. A reporter found him lying on a cot, and at the old man's request the writer handed him a cup of water through the iron bars of the cage.

Crawford has a wife and home on East North street, and his son-in-law, Ben Merritt and family occupy a dwelling near an alley north of the old shoe factory. The old man has been mentally unbalanced for some months, and has been a great care to his people. He appears to be a physical wreck, but his mind seemed clear enough when the reporter was talking to him. He has a daughter aged twenty years who is a patient at the Feeble-Minded Asylum at Lincoln. A son, John, is not at home. He has not been around Decatur for a year, and Crawford does not know his present address. Crawford would have been put in the county jail, but the sheriff had no place for him. He will be put in the cell which will be vacated by Pacer Smith Friday noon.

Wedding.

Guy J. Parke, of this city, and Miss Gertrude Chambers, were married at noon to-day, at Omaha, Neb., the home of the bride. The REPUBLICAN had arranged for a message giving the particulars, but it had not arrived at the hour of going to press. The telegraph wires are working badly in the west.

MARRIED.

On Nov. 24, by Rev. P. J. Mackin at the priest's home, Arthur L. Robinson and Miss Mary E. Clark, both of Decatur.

The couple, who have gone south on a bridal tour, will reside at 1025 East Eldorado street.

DIED.

On South Mafflt street, Saturday evening, Nov. 23, Mrs. Anna Stephens, aged 34 years.

The body was taken this afternoon to Mt. Gilead for burial.

Nov. 26, at 1025 West Macon street, of diphtheria, William Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Hill, aged eight years.

Burial this afternoon at Salem cemetery.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1895.

THE Schlatter day saints are unable to say where Schlatter will appear next.

A STORE in Danville known as the "New Era" has been closed by the sheriff.

IT is rumored that W. F. L. Hadley will probably become a candidate for governor.

IT is remarkable how many prominent Democrats there are in the country who have made up their minds to quit politics.

TOM REED will be able to count a quorum in the present congress without taking anybody's footprints into consideration.

IT is expected that Uncle Dick Thompson will head the Indiana delegation to the next national convention. He is past 80 years of age.

COLONEL WATTERSON once spoke of the rock ribbed Democracy of Kentucky Since the recent election, however, those ribs have been removed as if by an earthquake.

CLEVELAND wants to retire the greenbacks. Sovereign wants to retire the national bank notes, and the people are retiring the Democratic party. So there you are.

JUDGE HOLMAN says there is nothing wrong with the Democratic party. He probably arrives at that conclusion on the theory that it is powerless to do any further harm.

SENATOR DAVID B. HILL'S liberty was a free gift on the part of the people of New York, and yet he is charging a thousand dollars a night for his lecture on the same subject.

THE indications are that Merchant street will be paved before the aldermen return who broke the quorum by leaving the council chamber.

THE Democratic schoolmasters who have been conducting campaigns of education seem to have lost control of the "scholars." They are in need of a lot of freshmen to make things go.

IT should not be taken that those prominent Democrats who are refusing to be candidates for president would not like the office. There are other reasons why they are so indifferent.

VICE PRESIDENT STEVENSON has announced that he will not be a candidate for the presidency. This may be taken to mean that in his opinion there is not enough of the Democratic party left to straddle.

GOVERNOR ATGELD says at the end of his term he will turn over the best state government on earth. This is probably true, if we omit his own administration which is the only black spot upon it since the days of Matteson.

ACCORDING to the report of Chief Hazen counterfeiting money has increased wonderfully in the last three years. He might have added "moonshining" also. But then the present administration is counterfeit and such results are to be expected.

THE currency question will not be settled until the receipts of the government are equal to its expenditure and then there will be no further trouble. But that day will not dawn until the Republican party is in power in every branch of the government.

HON. JOHN R. TANNER a few days ago wiped the dust of Chicago off his feet and moved to Clay county, from which county he will conduct his gubernatorial campaign. It will be noted that he did not resign the commission he holds as a member on the state central committee from the Third Chicago district.

JOHN WANAMAKER put President Harrison into a position where he had to pay $10,000 for a seaside cottage he did not want and now does not know what to do with, by trying to donate it to the president; and now Wanamaker has had to pay $10,000 he guaranteed as an Indiana campaign fund in 1892, and yet there are people who are so incredulous that they will not admit that "chickens come home to roost."

THE official vote of Ohio presents some interesting and significant facts. In the first place the vote is the largest ever cast in the history of the state, 837,195. Next, Gen Bushnell received 14,053 more votes than were cast for the Republican candidate for secretary of state last year, but 6201 less than the number cast for Governor McKinley two years ago. And, thirdly, Campbell polled 31,431 more votes than the Democratic candidate for secretary of state received last year, but 69,596 less than the number given to Cleveland in 1892.

Illinois' Blunder in 1888.

If the people of Illinois had been allowed to do their own thinking they never would have committed that worst of blunders in 1888 the support of Gresham for president. At that time Gresham, however, was quite popular with everybody who was opposed to corporations As a United States circuit judge he had made some bold decisions against railroad corporations, and for that reason many thought him strong among the people. But this idea had not spread among the people of Illinois extensively enough to make Gresham their enthusiastic choice. But there were some newspapers who wanted Gresham because he favored a low tariff. He was one of those men who had thought into the tariff question until he discovered that "the price of labor was governed by the law of supply and demand" and stopped. It never occurred to him that building up industries stimulating or tearing them down might have something to do with the demand for labor. Gresham was their choice for that reason.

Then there was a candidate for the nomination for governor who was a warm personal friend of Gresham and favored his nomination for the presidency and there was another candidate for the nomination for governor who was "after the coon" and was ready to enter into any combination to get it, and finally an arrangement was made by which he was to deliver his country friends to Gresham, and in return for this the Cook county delegation to the state convention should vote solidly for that candidate for governor. This was a deliberate and cold blooded trade made for the purpose of forcing a solid delegation from Illinois in favor of Gresham and it succeeded except in Joe Cannon's district.

The whole thing has proven a disgrace to Republicanism in Illinois, and was the worst sort of politics. There were two things responsible for it; first, the idea of producing a solid delegation from the state to the national convention for the power it would wield when it arrived in that shape; second, Cook county had a solid delegation that voted at the dictation of one man who was "the boss," and he was for Gresham. Subsequent history showed how much power the Illinois delegation wielded in the national convention in 1888. It was the laughing stock of the assembled delegates and finally saw its idol accept a place in the cabinet of President Cleveland.

We are hearing something again about a solid delegation from Illinois to the next national convention; and we are also hearing something about a solid Chicago delegation. The question is, What does it all mean? In the light of past experience, it means another blunder as great as that in 1888. It means that the people should awake, if they have not already done so, and see that the plans of the schemers who work only for their own personal advantage are not carried out and the rights of the people bartered away in a night.

The United States Senate.

The United States Senate is what is known as a continuous body; that is to say, unlike the House of Representatives, it is never succeeded by a new body or new membership. The constitution of the United States, under which the Senate was created, provides that "immediately after they (the senate-elect) shall be assembled in consequence of the first election they shall be divided as equally as may be into three classes. The seats of the senators of the first class shall be vacated at the expiration of the second year, and of the second class at the expiration of the fourth year, and of the third class at the expiration of the sixth year, so that one-third may be chosen every second year." The senators in the first congress were classified by lot. The senators elected by states as they were admitted into the Union, since then, have been classified so as to preserve as near as possible the division into thirds. By this provision of the constitution never more than one third of that body can be new members, and two-thirds being members at all times makes it a continuous body. All senators, except those elected to fill vacancies or those from new states admitted, are elected for six years and take their seats March 4. The following table shows the classification of the senators by states and when the term of office of each class ends

	1st Class	2d Class	3d Class.
Alabama		1901	1897
Arkansas		1901	1897
California	1899		1897
Colorado		1901	1897
Connecticut	1899		1897
Delaware	1899	1901	
Florida	1899		1897
Georgia		1901	1897
Idaho		1901	1897
Illinois		1901	1897
Indiana	1899		1897
Iowa		1901	1897
Kansas	1899		1897
Kentucky		1901	*1897
Louisiana		1901	1897
Maine	1899	1901	
Maryland	1899		*1897
Massachusetts	1899	1901	
Michigan	1899	1901	
Minnesota	1899	1901	
Mississippi	1899	1901	
Missouri	1899		1897
Montana	1899	1901	
Nebraska	1899	1901	
Nevada	1899		1897
New Hampshire		1901	1897
New Jersey	1899	1901	
New York	1899		1897
North Carolina		1901	1897
North Dakota	1899		1897
Ohio	1899		*1897
Oregon		1901	*1897
Pennsylvania	1899		1897
Rhode Island	1899	1901	
South Carolina		1901	1897
South Dakota		1901	1897
Tennessee	1899	1901	
Texas	1899	1901	
Vermont	1899		1897
Virginia	1899	1901	
Washington	1899		1897
West Virginia	1899	1901	
Wisconsin	1899		1897
Wyoming	1899	1901	

*To be chosen by legislatures elected November 5 1895.

It will be noted that four of the successors of the senators of the third class will be chosen by the legislatures elected at the late election, thus choosing them one year before they take their seats. The reason for this is that the legislatures of those states meet biennially and are not in session in the years senators of the third class are seated New York is an exception as its legislature meets annually and the legislature recently elected will be in session again a year from its coming session and will then elect a senator. All the other states that choose senators of the third class will elect legislatures next year that will choose senators, with two or three exceptions where the term of the legislature is 4 years and the sessions are biennial and the regular time of meeting is a year or more off.

There are now 88 senators, but Utah will be admitted to the Union during the session of the present congress and will send up two senators, which will increase the senate to 90 members. The Utah senators will respectively be placed in the second and third classes, as the first class now has 30 senators, while the second and third have each only 29. This will make each class consist of 30 senators.

A quorum now is 45. When the Utah senators are seated the quorum will be 46, and a party to be in control of that branch of congress must have 46 senators. Assuming that Senator-elect Dupont, of Delaware, will be seated, the Republicans will have 44; and in case those elected from Utah are Republicans, which is certain, the Republicans will have 46; and after the 4th of March, 1897, the Republicans will have a large majority, as in the recent election of legislatures they gained one in each of the states of Ohio, Kentucky, Maryland and New York, and they will gain a number more next fall

What it Cost to Run Chicago.

Chicago *Times-Herald:* A correspondent at Mt. Vernon, Ill., writes to ask, "What is the total revenue required by taxation, licenses, etc., to meet the necessary running expenses of Chicago's city government?"

The city gets in round numbers $4,900,000 from the general tax "for corporate purposes" and about $3,800,000 from license fees which it uses to the same end. Out of this revenue it supports the police, health, fire and public works departments and pays for scores of other things that are not provided for specially. By general taxation it also defrays the interest on the debt, amounting to $1,100,000 annually. An additional tax is levied for the public schools, which cost about $9,000,000 a year. The water taxes, which are solely devoted to water extension and maintenance, amount to $3,000,000. The total of all this taxation is $20,800,000. There is considerable incidental revenue from various sources, which would materially increase the receipts. Then the construction of streets and sewers is paid for by special assessment. The amount of this varies from $2,000,000 a year to $6,000,000. The chairman of the finance committee is of opinion that the cost of "running the city" at present is considerably over $26,000,000 a year.

As to the amount that would be required if the city were properly policed, the streets well paved and kept in good repair, a constant supply of water guaranteed, the electric lighting system extended, and the city generally well lighted, it is difficult to say. Some people, who think taxes are quite high enough at present, assert that everything needed could be secured from the present revenue. But the general opinion is that the city does not take in money enough to properly perform all the multifarious functions of municipal government

One example of the inadequacy of our present expenditure will serve for all. The City of New York has 400 miles of streets and alleys and spends $2,000,000 annually on street and alley cleaning; the City of Chicago has 1,400 miles and spends $650,000. There may be extravagance at the city hall It would be strange if this were not so. But if the politicians are open-handed with other people's money the taxpayers are certainly close-listed with their own.

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AT the First Baptist church in Champaign the members have organized a Pipe Organ Association, to facilitate the purchase of a new pipe organ for the church.

A. G. Bartley, of Magic, Pa, writes: "I feel it a duty of mine to inform you and the public that DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured me of a very bad case of eczema. It also cured my boy of a running sore on his leg." West's drug store.

JOSEPH KANTER has moved his gents' furnishing goods house from Mason City to Mansfield, Piatt county.

Prof. Barnard's Great Work.

Prof. E. E. Barnard, of Lick observatory, California, has concluded an important bit of astronomical work which represents the most patient and wonderful labors. This work consists in the measurements of the four largest asteroids. For many years Vesta was considered the largest, Ceres next and then Pallas and Juno, but by the means of the Lick telescope and a micrometer Prof. Barnard puts Ceres as leader with a diameter of 485 miles; Pallas next, with 304; then Vesta, 248, and Juno, 118. Vesta got the credit for its greater size in the past, because it is four times brighter than Ceres.

Not Fond of Sweet Things.

"No, sergeant, I don't want to go for a soldier."

"Why not, Dennis; it's sweet to die for one's country."

"But, sergeant, I don't loike swate things. I didn't whin I was a boy."—Texas Siftings.

Rough on Him.

De Sappy—Men will be men, Miss Tone.

Miss Tone—Well, I don't know; I think you are an exception, Mr. De Sappy.—Brooklyn Eagle.

THE barbers of Peoria are about to resume shaving on Sunday.

A FEW YARNS.

Vouched for by the Humorist, Eli Perkins.

Chief Justice Waite, who delighted to tell legal stories, once told me this story about Evarts and Conkling.

Roscoe Conkling came into Mr. Evarts' office one day, while he was a young lawyer, in quite a nervous state.

"You seem to be very much excited, Mr. Conkling," said Mr. Evarts, as Roscoe walked up and down the room.

"Yes, I'm provoked—I am provoked," said Mr. Conkling. "I never had a client dissatisfied about my fee before"

"Well, what's the matter?" asked Mr. Evarts.

"Why, I defended Gibbons for arson you know. He was convicted, but I did hard work for him. I took him to the superior court and he was convicted, then on to the supreme court and the supreme court confirmed the judgment and gave him ten years in the penitentiary. I charged him $3000, and now Gibbons is grumbling about it—says it's too much. Now, Mr. Evarts, I ask you, if I really charged too much?"

"Well," said Mr. Evarts, very deliberately, "of course you did a good deal of work, and $3000 is not a very big fee, but to be frank with you, Mr. Conkling, my deliberate opinion is—that—he—might—have—been—convicted—for—less—money."

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CHIEF JUSTICE FULLER.

Chief Justice Fuller tells many legal stories. Once, he said, he was quite shocked during a real estate trial in Chicago. It was years and years ago, when John Wentworth was said to go every morning and look through a knothole in a fence around a vacant State street lot. When asked by Thomas Hoyne what pleasure there was looking through that knot hole, Wentworth said:

"Why, it is a sensation—an inexpressable sensation for me to look through that board fence and see a piece of Chicago real estate without a mortgage on it."

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Tom B. Reed tells me that when Chief Justice Fuller was a boy he belonged to a debating club in Oldtown, Me One evening capital punishment was debated. The deacon of the church was for hanging. Young Fuller was opposed to capital punishment.

Said the deacon, quoting from the Mosaic law: "Whoso sheddeth man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed." Thinking this to be a bombshell to his opponents he dwelt upon it till his time had expired, when young Fuller sprang to his feet and said:

"Supposing we take the law which the gentleman has quoted and see what the logical deduction would come to. For example, one man kills another, another man kills him, and so on, until we come to the last man on earth. Who's going to kill him? He dare not commit suicide, for that same law forbids it. Now, deacon," continued the boy, "what are you going to do with that last man?"

The boy's logic called out rounds of applause and vanquished the deacon

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JUDGE BRADY'S STORY.

Some of our best wit comes through our city judges in their examination of prisoners.

One day O'Rafferty was up before Judge Brady in New York for assaulting Patrick Murphy, and this was the examination:

"Mr. O'Rafferty," said the judge, "why did you strike Mr. Murphy?"

"Because Murphy would not give me a civil answer to a civil question, yor honor."

"What was the civil question you asked him?"

"I asked him, as polite as yez plase 'Murphy, ain't your own brother the biggest thafe on Manhattan Island, excepting yourself and your uncle, who is absent at the penitentiary in Sing Sing?'"

"And what rude answer did he give to such a very civil question?"

"He said to me, 'Af course, prisint company excepted,' so I said, 'Murphy, you're another,' and sthruck him wid me fist."

ELI PERKINS.

Two Lives Saved.

Mrs. Phoebe Thomas, of Junction City, Ill., was told by her doctors that she had Consumption and that there was no hope for her, but two bottles Dr. King's New Discovery completely cured her and she says it saved her life. Mr. Thos. Eggers, 139 Florida St., San Francisco, suffered from a dreadful cold, approaching Consumption, tried without result everything else, then bought one bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery and in two weeks was cured. He is naturally thankful It is such results, of which these are samples, that prove the wonderful efficacy of this medicine in Coughs and Colds Free trial bottles at King & Hubbard's Drug Store. Regular size 50c and $1.00.

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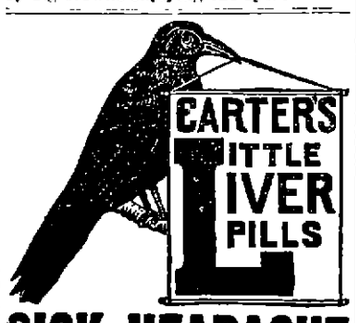

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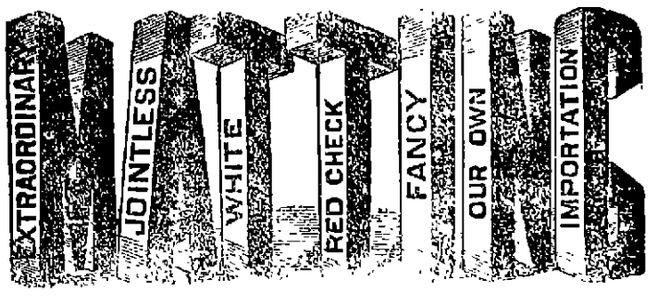

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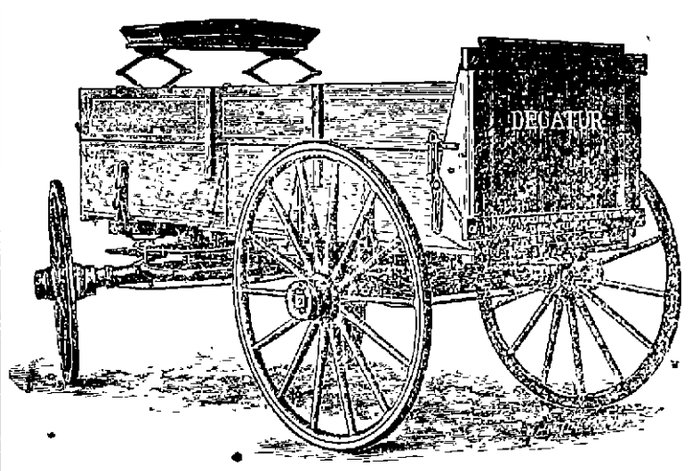

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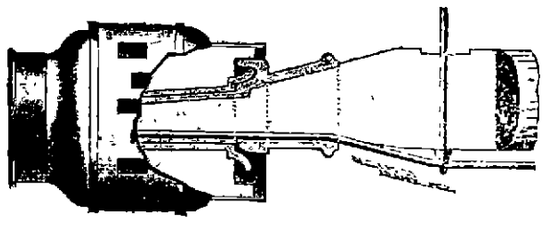

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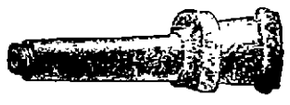

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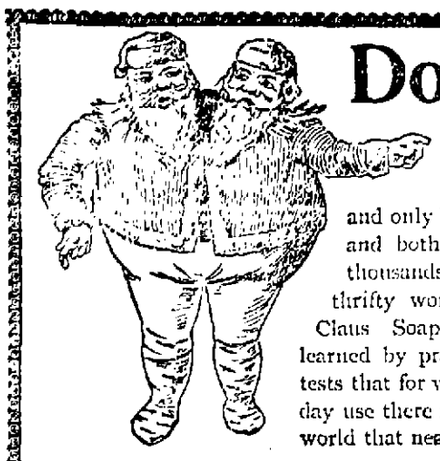

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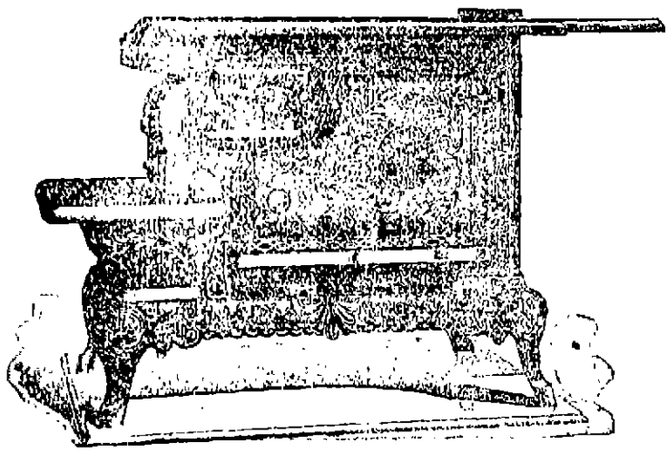

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

News From the Decatur and County Societies.

—The Endeavor society of the Christian church held an unusually bright and interesting meeting last Monday night, led by the pastor, after which they enjoyed a short talk by Bro. Geo. H. Fair, who is on his way to South America as a missionary. At the close of the meeting the music and literature committe gave a Whittier social. A short programme was rendered and refreshments were served.

—Last Monday evening Division No. 2 of the Presbyterian society entertained their members with a chocolate social. After a short musical programme a card containing the following "nuts to crack" was given each one.

1. Lazhe,	8. Noare,
2. Pance,	9. Buntruett,
3. Hlabselkr,	10. Briftel,
4. Madlon,	11. Hunttecs,
5. Eooob,	12. Metung,
6. Hogtunder,	13. Uawltn,
7. Chykoir,	14. Tuocanoc.

As fast as these names were arranged properly the persons passed up stairs to refreshments, consisting of cake, chocolate and salted nuts.

—The Presbyterian society has held two cottage prayer meetings at the homes of their members who have been ill. Both well attended and interesting. They intend to hold one each week.

—On Dec. 6 the members of the Presbyterian society will celebrate their ninth anniversary with a banquet.

—Miss Maude Wheeler, a Christian Endeavorer of Clinton, visited in Decatur yesterday.

—The Presbyterian society expect to establish a missionary library at ther ninth anniversary.

Going Out of Business.

On account of not being able to secure a desirable location in which to continue my business, I have decided to close out my stock and quit. This means that a stock of $20,000 worth of boots and shoes will be closed out slick and clean for what they will bring. I have just sixty days to do this in, and it will be done. I mean business; sixty days more and I am out of the shoe business Come early, if you want the best shoes for the lowest prices ever heard of.

WALTER HUTCHIN,
117 North Water St.

HALL DEDICATED.

Red Letter Night For the K. P.'s at Oreana—J. J. Brown Present.

The handsome new hall of Friendship Lodge, No. 126, Knights of Pythias, lately erected at Oreana, was dedicated last week with impressive ceremonies in the presence of a large number of visiting Knights, among whom were Hon. J. J. Brown, of Vandalia, grand commander of the state, W. P. Shade, district deputy and wife, W. H. Black, Will G. Bachman and Charles Kollam of Decatur. The hall is large in size, convenient in appointments and finely furnished. The dedicatory ceremonies were conducted by Mr. Brown, who with Mr. Shade and Mr. Black, delivered appropriate addresses.

The ladies served a sumptuous supper which was pronounced complete and delicious.

DRESS THEM IN BLACK.

The Proper Color for Street Poles to be Painted.

A genius who lives in Jacksonville, Ill. and whose artistic eye and critical taste is daily offended by unsightly telegraph and telephone poles that are supposed to be a necessity in the streets of cities, says that the poles would appear smaller if they were painted black instead of white. He advances as a theory that black is an invisible tone, and as an example, says that duelists button themselves in black coats and stout persons rarely wear white gowns. He suggests black coating of asphaltum paint as a cheap article and serviceable as well, and the poles would lose some of their unsightliness.

Broke His Leg.

Frank Tinkler, the horse trainer, who lives at 1750 North Clinton street, met with an accident this forenoon. He was driving a spirited horse in a span when the breast-strap broke, letting down the pole. Tinkler jumped out and in trying to catch the nervous animal in some way broke his right leg above the knee. The accident happened at Long Creek and Mr. Tinkler was brought in to his home. He was attended by Dr. M. V. Lonergan, assisted by Dr. J. H. Eddy.

Still a Curiosity.

The remains of the recent big fire is still a curiosity for visitors to the city. While the charred buildings do not look much like they did the next morning after the conflagration, yet they still show the ravages of the blaze and the terrible destruction.

The large force of workmen are very busy tearing down the wrecked interiors and as many teams are carting off the rubbish.

Bought for $3500.

Mrs. Anna Hamsher has purchased the George M. Ashmore business property on West Main street. The consideration named was $3500, and the new owner has already taken possession, the deal being consummated yesterday. Mr. Ashmore desired to get out of business for the reason that all his time is necessary to the discharge of his duties as grain inspector.

Adjourned.

The September term of the Macon county circuit court adjourned Saturday until next Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

ACTS at once, never fails, One Minute Cough Cure. A remedy for asthma, and that feverish condition which accompanies a severe cold. The only harmless remedy that produces immediate results. West's drug store.

Pacer Smith's Theology.

"Pacer" Smith, discussing theology, reminds one of a base ball pitcher delivering a curve. His statement, in which he mixes theology and base ball and his scheme for uniting himself with his family in heaven, also recalls the experience of Moody, when he preached to a lot of criminals in a penitentiary. The prisoners were in their cells on either side of a corridor. Moody stood at the end of the corridor and preached. He could see none of his hearers, but after the sermon he went to every cell and conversed with the inmates, and in every case but one he found them the most innocent people he ever met. In every case some one else was to blame for the crimes for which they were convicted and imprisoned. The one exception said, he alone was to blame for his condition.

Pacer Smith has only good words for his associates, who helped him down hill, but blames the true friend of his wife and child, who delivered them out of his hands and gave them a home, for the crime he committed. The act of that friend he calls "unhallowed and coercive influence." It is fair to presume that he regards his congenial associations that furnishes two subjects for the gallows November 29, 1893, as hallowed. It may be hallowed, but it is a kind that has a rope tied to it and an insecure platform under it.

He says his motive for killing his wife and child was that as he could not live with them on earth he would kill them and make a home run himself and then meet and live with them in heaven. This may be good theology from his standpoint, but the logic of it is a little ambiguous. For instance he thinks he has been made fit for a residence in heaven by performing certain acts. Had he succeeded in killing his wife, who perhaps had not performed these acts, he might have missed her presence in heaven after the sheriff had sent him there. Then, again, when he entered into the job of transporting his family to heaven, with the intention of breaking in on them himself afterward, he lost sight of the fact that as they refused to live with him on earth perhaps they might not want to live with him in heaven. His theology involves the idea that once he got them there they could not get away from him and he would have a dead cinch on them. There are a great many people who do not believe that heaven was organized to do police duty, of the kind involved in such theology, for Pacer Smith.

"Pacer" also has something to say about the church being a sheepfold. The idea to him is very beautiful and he expresses his satisfaction with it in these words: "All the sheep cling together. If they are momentarily separated they are impatient till they are reunited." Now according to this doctrine "Pacer" has an idea that after the sheriff has managed to translate him there will be a great commotion among the sheep in the fold on account of his being separated from them, and there will be nothing but "impatience" in the flock until they are "reunited" with him. If this be true the community may expect an era of suicides among the sheep beginning after the 29th of the present month. But it is better to assume that he is mistaken than to suspect that such a condition will exist after the date named, regardless of his statement that he has come to the conclusions he has, after having studied and mastered the complex question of theology in the Macon county jail.

"Pacer" is reported to have said: 'I had a dream the other night and an angel with golden hair came and stooped over me and I saw my baby again." It must have been only a dream, and being so familiar with the teaching of the Scriptures as he claims to be, after studying them a week or two, he must know it was only a dream, for the sacred volume nowhere touches that his baby or any other human being can become an angel. There is no such provision in sacred economy. Angels are a distinct creation and are represented as being equipped with wings. Disembodied saints never become angels and are nowhere represented as having wings, and if "Pacer's" theology puts wings on saints in heaven he will be disappointed when he gets to heaven to find there are no wings for him. But his dream is probably about as real as his statement that before his baby died, after being butchered by him, it said: 'I know my papa will not leave me and that I am going to heaven and I will meet papa and Edna there." The truth is that poor little victim of a villainous father never knew that Edna had been butchered also, and just before the little one died it called for Edna to come to it.

To every candid and fair-minded man Pacer's theology, like his life, is all rot. It has to be to properly fit his case. He finds in his theology condemnation for the father who took care of his wife and child whom he had abandoned, and tries to throw the blame for the murders on him; but utterly fails to find any theology to condemn a murderer such as he is.

According to his own statement he deliberately planned and committed the murders in cold blood. He shot down without a moments warning two defenseless human beings, one of them a child. A theology which assumes that such a murderer, even if he repents of his crime, which Pacer has not done, but on the contrary defends, can, by any hocus pocus, be transported to heaven is open to criticism if not righteous disgust.

Will Buy Every Monday.

We will buy horses, mares and mules from 5 to 8 years old, weighing from 900 up, every Monday of each week commencing September 30th, at our barn, 128 North Franklin street. Stock must be fat and well broke.

25wtf HILL & WATT.

THE healing properties of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve are well known. It cures eczema, skin affections and is simply a perfect remedy for piles. West's drug store.

GEORGE S. MILLER & Co. have been awarded the sewer building contract at Champaign at $14,970.

ORGANIZING THE HOUSE.

Capt. R. P. Lytle a Candidate for Post Master Under Certain Conditions—Reeve for Reading Clerk.

It is not often that one city has two candidates for positions in the National House of Representatives at the same time. But this in a degree is true of Decatur. Capt. R. P. Lytle would like to be postmaster of the house and John A. Reeve would like his old position of reading clerk, which he won in the 51st congress by a competition contest as to voice quality. Measured by voice Reeve is in the front rank. Reeve himself don't know the high water mark of his liquid voice. He has never let it out to its full capacity. There is danger in doing so as it might be punctured or split and forever ruined.

Captain R. P. Lytle, always affable and pleasant, honorable in all his dealings with men, is fully qualified for the position he seeks, and if elected will be a very popular official. Both these gentlemen will be in Washington at the organization. Mr. Reeve has already gone and Captain Lytle will leave in a few days for Washington.

As before stated, both men are candidates in a degree, or more properly, under certain conditions. Ex-Congressman Henderson, of Bureau county, is a candidate for clerk of the house, and courtesy requires that the Republicans in the Illinois delegation support him, which they will do. If Henderson succeeds there will be little show for Lytle. Henderson, however, may not be successful. A combination has been formed to elect a set of house officials which has exCongressman McDowell, of Pennsylvania, for clerk. This combination does not include a postmaster. It is claimed the combination will win. If it does of course Henderson will be defeated and in that case Lytle will have the backing of the solid Illinois delegation and will have a good show of election.

As to Reeve he got the position he now seeks in a competitive test as before stated and his success will now depend largely on his ability to read which is very important to the members of the house and his success will not be determined, perhaps, by the rules governing a fair distribution of patronage among the states and if he succeeds at all it will be along these lines and it is upon this he will depend.

WILL NOT RESUME.

The Columbian Manufacturing Company Going Out of Business.

It is announced that the Columbian Manufacturing Company, whose factory was literally destroyed by the recent big fire, will not resume business. One of the stockholders to-day stated that should they reorganize and resume, they will manufacture a different line of goods entirely, but this is very unlikely. D. L. Vigus, formerly manager of the company, has accepted a similar position with a similar factory at Jacksonville, and this factory will manufacture and sell the Columbian line of goods.

Pleaded Guilty.

From Saturday's Daily.

In Justice Shorb's court last evening Miss Mary L. Miller, of 159 West Eldorado street, arrested for stealing goods at the Linn & Scruggs fire store sale, pleaded guilty, and was placed under bonds to await the action of the grand jury.

Miss Miller was watched by a clerk for a long time. She was seen to steal articles and when she started to leave she was arrested. She had confided to one of the clerks that some of the salesmen were stealing from the firm and she offered to help catch them at it. It was simply a bluff on her part.

The presence of detectives in a big store is not a new thing. They are in and about all the big stores in Chicago and St. Louis, and even in the smaller stores in Decatur, proprietors and clerks are constantly on the watch for shoplifters.

In Jail.

A. J. Clifton, of Friends Creek township, was put in jail last evening on an old indictment for grand larceny. Mr. Volgamott in 1893 had a hog worth $20 stolen from him. Clifton is charged with having been in that steal. Clifton was this week charged with theft of harness, and he was brought before Justice Provost for trial because a trial could not be had in the country. The proceedings were dismissed. Clifton was picked up on an old indictment and he went to jail.

A Friend's Advice.

MONTAGUE, Mich., Nov. 13, 1893.

William Windecknecht, a wealthy farmer of Muskegon county, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, this day, and deposes and says: "That for the past year or so he was affected with Weakness, Trembling, Heart Failure, Extreme Nervousness, Headache and General Debility; that he has consulted with physicians and received no benefit. He was persuaded by a friend to try a sample bottle of Dr. Wheeler's Nerve Vitalizer, and he says that the Trembling and Nervous feeling was immediately stopped by its use. Afterwards he used two bottles of the same medicine and says he is entirely cured and free from that Trembling sensation; his heart gives him no trouble and he sleeps well. He further says that his general health is much better, and that he is calling the attention of his neighbors and friends to the remarkable value of Dr. Wheeler's Nerve Vitalizer. Signed,

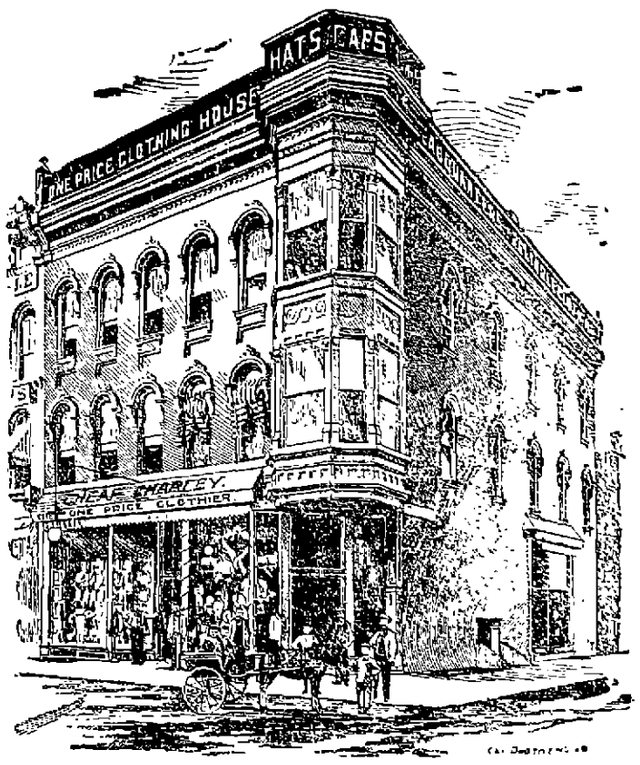
W. WINDECKNECHT.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, a Notary Public for Muskegon county, state of Michigan. JAS. MORRISON.

For sale by J. W. Eichinger, Druggist.

FRANK WILLIAMSON, of Pekin, has been indicted by the Tazewell county grand jury for abandonment of his wife.

NOTHING so distressing as a hacking cough. Nothing so foolish as to suffer from it. Nothing so dangerous if allowed to continue. One Minute Cough Cure gives immediate relief. West's drug store.



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Best of Workmanship and Finish,
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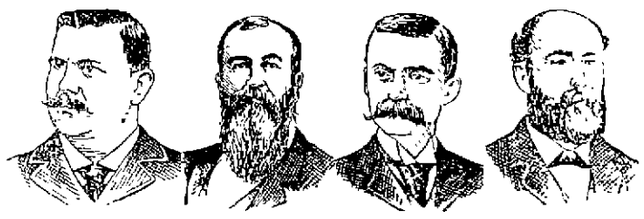

Read every word of the following and you will be convinced that these doctors are the ones you want to see.

Dr. Appleman, a graduate of Bellevue Hospital Medical College New York City, the most notable college in America. Special courses in the great hospitals of Edinburg, Berlin and London, late professor diseases of men and genito-urinary system, Electric Medical College, New York, now has charge of the department of diseases of men in the White City Medical Institute of Chicago.

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Nervousness, Weakness, etc., quickly cured. All diseases of kidney, bladder and genito-urinary system treated by new methods. **Prompt and efficient cures.**

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Hydrocele, Orchitis, Epididymitis cured in short order.

Spermatorrhoea, Seminal Weakness, Loss of Power, Impotency, the cause of so much suffering in mind and body, the bane of life, the diseases that wreck thousands and thousands of lives every year, blast future hopes, render existence miserable, make young and old men unfit for business or pleasure, **are curable. A speedy and permanent cure guaranteed** in all cases treated.

Weak, Nervous Men who have losses, drains, sediments, weak memory, confusion of ideas, embarrassment, unpleasant dreams, etc., should consult this eminent doctor.

Married or Single Men, or those contemplating matrimony, should not let this opportunity pass.

Syphilis, Blood and Skin Diseases cured. No injurious drugs, such as mercury, potash, etc., used.

Dr. Prettyman, a graduate of the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York, a college that is recognized by the profession everywhere as the most complete and thorough in the country. The doctor has had special courses in eye, ear, nose, throat and chronic diseases in the large hospitals of this and the old country and is, therefore, prepared to give to the sick and suffering the newest and best treatment the present age affords. Dr. Prettyman treats.

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Catarrh, acute or chronic, polypi in the nose, enlarged nostrils, weak voice, ulcerated throat, bronchial catarrh, pain in chest, asthma, bronchitis, treated in a manner that insures success to the doctor and return to health for the patient.

Stomach, Liver, Heart Diseases, the cause of suffering, loss of flesh, loss of appetite, bloating, belching, misery, can be cured. We insure to cure all cases undertaken.

Hemorrhoids (piles) cured in one treatment. No pain and no detention from work. A positive cure guaranteed.

Nervous Diseases.

Epilepsy, nervous prostration, rheumatism, etc., treated.

Diseases of Women, such as bearing down, pains, weak backs, bloating swelling of the limbs, painful or suppressed menses, leucorrhœa (whites), ulcerations, sterility, cured by our treatment; saves the patient the unpleasant features of local treatment.

All Chronic Diseases treated. No incurable cases taken.

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THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1895.

THAT campaign of education. Do you recall it?

THAT "good western man" has not yet been discovered.

NO newspaper seems to be advertising Cole's Financial School now.

THE Chicago *Tribune* says "John Sherman may be a cold man but his book is hot stuff." That's about right.

THE Sultan is promising to do better. The same may be said of the promises of Cleveland's friends as to a vigorous foreign policy. But the results remain the same.

THE Democratic National convention in 1892 declared in favor of a vigorous foreign policy, but so far its foreign policy is only foreign to the ideas of Americans.

SECRETARY Morton says Cleveland is "one of the strongest men" his party could nominate. All right, put him up and let the country see how weak the party has become.

WHATever else may be said about "Sherman's Letter to Hoar," no one will ever contend that the book will not have the effect of causing future traffickers in president making to be more cautious.

SENATOR Allen has been announced as a candidate for president. If he is accepted it must be with the understanding that the speech he made in the senate which required 31 days to deliver goes with him.

ANY ticket by the name of Wellington and another by the name of Bonaparte are Republican candidates for United States Senator in Maryland. The Republican party seems to have all that is worth having.

THE largest Republican vote ever cast by Ohio was for McKinley for governor in 1891. His total vote was 833,811. The next highest vote was for Bushnell, this year, which was 726,141, and yet there are people who try to make themselves believe that Ohio is not for McKinley.

THE Republican victory in 1896 will be the greatest victory any party ever had in this country, and it ought to be, for the condition is such that every vote cast against that party will be a vote against American prosperity and American dignity and in favor of a shameful foreign policy.

OUR hundred Armenians employed in a Massachusetts factory went out on a strike because four Turks were employed in the same concern. Assuming that there is a great enmity between these people the wonder is the Turks did not strike first. Considering the disparity in numbers they had the greatest grievance.

THERE may be some people who regard Grover Cleveland as a great man and a statesman but his advice to a Republican congress, nevertheless, might as well not be written. A Republican congress has never yet failed to do its duty to the people. The Republicans did this before Grover was elected mayor of Buffalo.

THERE is a report to the effect that Ex-President Harrison favors the nomination of Algeld for president, which is taken to mean that in case Harrison fails of nomination he will turn his strength to Algeld. This is all the merest twaddle as no candidate is able to transfer his delegates to another candidate nor is such candidate as the preference of the delegates.

THE election was predicted, after the defeat of 1894, the Democrats in large bodies would drift into the Populist party. This we now confess was a mistake as they have drifted into the Republican party instead. The error was due to the fact that it was supposed the rank and file of the party would not give up trifling with parties at the expense of the prosperity of the country.

Importing Breadstuff

THE argument of the free trader has always been that the freer the trade the better it would be for the American farmer as it would open the world's market for his breadstuff, and yet the reverse of this has in the history of the country, twice proven true. As the result of the free trade tariff of 1846 the American farmer's export of breadstuff, which he was told that tariff would increase, fell from $68,701,021 in 1847 to $20,000,000 in 1850, and to $21,818,653 in 1851. The facts were that as soon as our market was opened to foreign manufactures, the foreigners who had promised if we would buy their wares they would buy our farm products, bought farm products wherever they could buy them cheapest, and this left the American farmer, whose home market was broken down, out in the cold.

The following from the *Political Economist* will show the result of the Wilson tariff:

> The decrease in the values of breadstuffs exported between January 1 and November 1 reached $7,133,000. Those figures, however, do not represent decreased exports.—*The World, New York, Nov. 15, 1895.*

What is the use of telling such a deliberate falsehood, Mr. Pulitzer? If a loss of $7,133,000 in the value of the breadstuffs we have sold be not a loss, what is it? True, the quantity of barley, corn, oats and rye sold was slightly larger this year, but it brought less money than the smaller quantity sold a year ago. Was not that a decrease in money to the seller and to the farmer who produced it? We sold 5,000,000 bushels less wheat and 1,710,000 barrels less flour, but who offered to pay more money for it than a year ago? If you, Mr. Pulitzer, sold to-day 5000 copies of the *World* at a net price of $50, and to-morrow sold 3000 copies at a net price of only $40, would not that represent a decrease? Would the larger number compensate for the smaller amount of money? Perhaps you have money to burn and print papers to burn.

Thurston on McKinley.

Senator Thurston, of Nebraska, says the choice of Nebraska Republicans is McKinley, and he covers the whole case in the way he puts it. He said in an interview in New York:

> The Republicans of Nebraska are for McKinley for the next presidential candidate first, last and all the time. The strength of this man in the west comes from the fact that the working people believe in him. They know that under the McKinley law they were getting more pay than they are getting now. Business was, generally speaking, better. They are satisfied that McKinley had *something* to do with it, and want to vote for him for president.
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> What is true as to the working people in Nebraska is true of them in every state. They were deceived by years of talk about the tariff being a tax imposed upon the shoulders of toil for the benefit only of the manufacturer, and at last they were led into voting the Democratic ticket with the promise that the burden of taxation would be removed while their wages would be increased. The result was that no burden was removed, but the demand for labor was destroyed and millions lost their jobs and wages were reduced. This experience was bitter, but there was no immediate escape from it. But they turned to the Republican party for relief. They turned to it because it stood for protection. *They turn to McKinley because they* regard him as devoted to the interests of America and American labor, and if the selection of the Republican candidate were left to them the matter would be settled now. It might be good politics, it might give the Republican party more strength than anything that could be done were the wishes of this very class of voters deferred to when the Republican national convention meets. It might prove a serious thing to the party if it were put in the position which could be construed to mean that the party proposed to modify a system which gave the country unparalelled prosperity in 1891 and 1892. The working people know McKinley suits them. They are not so sure as to any one else.

Tobacco's Horrible Effects.

Buffalo *Express*: My informant notes some remarkable instances of the evil effects of tobacco. A boy of his acquaintance whose grandfather and grandmother were both inveterate tobacco users has suffered three amputations of his leg. A grandfather who is an inveterate tobacco user has an idiot grandchild. Several cases are known in which the grandchildren of tobacco users have shortening of the legs.

I can supplement these cases by several quite as wonderful which I have noticed myself. A man who chewed incessantly was killed recently in a railroad wreck. Another man who smoked tobacco was lynched by a mob in Texas not long ago. A man whose great grandfather smoked constantly had his leg amputated last week in Brooklyn, after being run over by a trolley car. A man right here in Buffalo who tried to weaken the nerves and produce heart failure among the voters of Buffalo by giving away cigars was buried out of sight on election day. It's really a serious matter.

Still another strange effect of tobacco noted by Mr. Martin is this: In traveling a distance of six miles between two country towns, he counted 16 widows. Their husbands had all been tobacco users. Now think of that! Two and two-thirds widows to the mile throughout this great country, and all caused by tobacco! Down with the evil! Smoke it out! Find new husbands for those 16 widows, *if every tobacco store in the* country has to be mobbed!

Becomes a Republican

Judge J. F. Taylor, of Carbondale, a former leading Democrat, has resigned his commission as public administrator of Jackson county, which he held under Governor Altgeld, and also the chairmanship of the Democratic congressional committee, and has announced that hereafter he will act with the Republican party. In his letter of resignation to the congressional committee he states his objection to the Democratic party as follows:

"1. The Cleveland administration has gone farther in the direction of gold monometalism than the Republican party ever proposed to go.

"2. The wing of the Democratic party which favors free and unlimited coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 parts of pure silver to 1 of pure gold is composed of impracticable theorists; their ideal is not attainable, and if it were, to reach it the people would have to pass through another series of panics more disastrous to the business of the country than those that followed in the wake of tariff tinkering.

"3. Cleveland's foreign policy is a failure.

"4. The Wilson bill has proven an unwise measure, in not providing necessary revenue to run the government.

"5. I dislike mugwumpery.

"6. While I loathe family quarrels, Democratic politicians ignored their country's welfare, and enlisted in internecine war, from ward politicians to national characters. If half they have said of each other be true none of them should be trusted.

"7. My father was a Union soldier, and while bearing arms for his country he sickened from exposure and hardships of camp life, was left by his companions, who reported him as dead. About six weeks after his regiment was mustered out of the service he arrived home alive, but with not sufficient strength to get in the house. His robust constitution was undermined and his health gone. Since then his life has that of a confirmed invalid. Of course he draws a pension. The habit some politicians have of criticising soldiers for drawing pensions always gave me pain when indulged in in my presence."

ACRE of muddy coffee is not wholesome, neither is a bottle of muddy medicine. One way to know a reliable and skillfully-prepared blood purifier is by its freedom from sediment. Ayer's Sarsaparilla is always bright and sparkling because it is an extract and not a decoction.

HAROLD MURPHY, a little boy of Jacksonville, was drowned in the reservoir at the asylum for the deaf and dumb.

JUST before going to bed, eat a Cascarret candy cathartic. Makes you feel fine in the morning.

The Opinion of a Democrat.

Ex-Congressman Findlay of Maryland is among those Democrats who has learned that the Democratic party is unfit to be entrusted with legislation for the government and he has also learned that the Republican party is safe and can be depended upon to give the country proper and healthful legislation. Since the recent election he has said:

> "The Republican party is the only sound party on the money question. If the Democratic party had its way—I am not now speaking of individuals, but of the party—we would have been on the silver basis to-day. Maryland is sound to the core on this question. I believe that Maryland, on the whole, is a tariff state. Her most advanced thought is in favor of the merit system in making appointments. The Republican party, as a national and state party, stands for all this and I see no reason why the party should not be as strong, and stronger, a *year hence than now.*"
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> Touching the recent defeat of the Democrats in Maryland he said:
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> It means more than a protest against Gorman as a leader. It means much more than that. It was an expression on the part of thousands of voters who believe that the policy of the national Democratic party is a dismal failure, both at home and abroad, and who have cut loose permanently from that party. They don't believe a great government like this, with practically inexhaustible resources, should be run on the installment plan. They are Americans to the backbone, and they don't believe in a weak and timorous foreign policy. They believe in the constitutionality of a protective tariff and the application of the principle in any case of national magnitude when the end will justify the means. Believing in this and in civil service reform and the merit system, they recognize the Republican party as the only live party of the day."

The ex congressman has hit the mark. The Democratic party stands for nothing. It has so long been a party of negation, it has so long favored anything that would secure votes that when it gets into power it is so handicapped that it is powerless to do anything because it is without any definite principle and proceeds like the incompetent business man, to wait for something to turn up.

Literary Notes.

The *Nickell Magazine* for December, which has just come to hand, certainly entitles that *bright* publication to a place in the front rank of America's magazines. There are nine superb reproductions of celebrated paintings, which illustrate "Killing Genius" by E. R. Chandler. E. B. Barry tells in an interesting manner about King Clovis and Saint Louis, and Frank Littleton has a short critical article on Paul Bourget, which accompanies a good picture of the celebrated author in his study. Max Pemberton contributes another exciting story "From the Diary of a Valet," which is considered the best he has yet done, besides an instructive article by Ernest N. Bagg on "The Last Days of the Second Empire," and the timely editorials, Mildred Aldrich under the caption of "Topics of Current Interest" contributes a number of anecdotes of remarkable interest about popular singers, actors and actresses, including Patti, Maurel, Pauline Lucca, Mr. and Mrs. Taber, Merode, and Tamagno, this latter being accompanied by magnificent portraits. All and all, the *Nickell Magazine* gives a five cents' worth that is simply marvelous and the publishers say that there will be eight additional pages added with the January number.

Tanner's Missouri Boom

Chicago *Evening Journal*: John Tanner has chosen an unfortunate place and company for the launching of any political boom. St. Louis is not the place and our good friends, "Doc" Jamieson and Billy Lorimer, are not the company to give an Illinois boom much of a send-off.

"Doc" Jamieson is Chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, and he ought to avoid the appearance of taking sides between party candidates. Mr. Tanner ostentatiously resigned the chairmanship because he said it did not comport with his personal candidacy.

Can "Doc" Jamieson afford to do what John Tanner could not in decency do for himself? Perhaps he can, but Cook county is not a chattel for Messrs. Jamieson, Lorimer et al., to use as they please.

CHICAGO *Tribune*.—Secretary Morton says in an interview that "the Democratic party has taken its stand firmly on the side of sound money," but that "not one of the men spoken of as possible Republican candidates for the Presidency has come out squarly and put himself on record." Does not Mr. Morton lay on his white and black paint a little too thickly? He should read the last Democratic Illinois platform and study Altgeld's position. He should study the situation in all the Southern States except Kentucky and Maryland. He should observe that of the four parties in his own state of Nebraska the honest money Democratic faction has but a small fraction of the total vote. The Democratic party is sound in spots, such as in New England and New York, but it is also very rotten in many states. As to the men who have been spoken of as Republican Presidential candidates, it is not necesary for them to put themselves on the record, for they are already on the record for honest money. Everybody knows that they are and have been always in favor of the maintenance of the parity of the currency. They may differ as to the extent to which they think silver can be kept at parity with gold, but they are all tried and true sound money men.

Offer Prizes.

The Bankers' Association of the State of Illinois offers to its members three prizes for the best papers on "How Can Bank Clerks Become Bankers?" The first prize is $100 and a gold medal, the second prize $75, and the third prize $50. The offer is extended to employes only in towns of over 5000 population, and to officers, partners and employes in towns of less than 5000. Intending competitors are required to signify their intention in writing before January 15, and papers must be finished by April 1. The offer is announced by Edward Tilden, secretary of the association, 4191 South Halstead street, Chicago, who will furnish information as to the terms of the contests.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 25, 1895.

Hon. Thomas B. Reed knows from experience that it is best to make no premature announcement concerning the committee assignment of members of the house. While it is certain that Mr Reed has already assigned all of the old members of the house to committees, it is not probable that more than a dozen members of the house will know to a certainty their own places on the committees, and less than that number the places of other members, before the official announcement is made after Mr Reed has been formally elected Speaker. Mr. Reed will have more trouble in properly placing the new members, and will have to rely largely upon the advice of others, as many of them are entirely unknown to him. However he is a rare hand at correctly sizing a man up after talking with him, and he will meet all of the republican members before he takes his seat as Speaker.

It is not necessary to do more than mention the fact that less than fifty senators and representatives have arrived in Washington to make it plain that the numerous stories sent out purporting to tell what the Republicans are going to do are merely guesses founded upon the opinions of individuals. Whether the Republicans will attempt to reorganize the senate is an open question and will remain such until a caucus considers the matter and decides what shall be done. It may not be necessary for the Republicans of the house to hold a caucus to map out a policy, but it would not be surprising if they did, as the leaders of the party are especially desirous that whatever is done shall be in the line of party policy and that there shall be no bushwhacking on the part of those who are more intent upon achieving personal notoriety by making sensational speeches than of advancing the welfare of the party as a whole.

There are several reasons—all good—why the talk, which has been indulged in by cuckoos, about Mr. Cleveland punishing ex-Speaker Crisp for his silver views by having the Democratic nomination for Speaker of the House and the subsequent leadership of the Democrats in that body given to some cuckoo instead of to Mr. Crisp, has been amusing to those who know the financial status of a majority of the Democratic members of the House. It is only necessary to mention one of these reasons a majority of the Democratic members hold precisely the same views that Mr. Crisp does, or at least they did when last heard from by their constituents. Of course it is possible that the administration can control some of these votes by a judicious use of patronage, but it is not at all probable that it will care to go into a contest of that sort. It might end not only with the nomination of Crisp by the Democratic caucus but gall might be added to the bitterness by the adoption of a silver resolution. That Mr. Cleveland would like, if he had the power, to go into the wholesale punishment of those Democrats who do not agree with him is doubtless true, but his time will be so fully taken up with dodging the missiles shied at his head from both Senate and House that he will have no time to devote to punishing others.

It is seldom that such absolute indifference is shown by senators and representatives a week before the meeting of congress as to what recommendations the president's message may contain as exists among those now in Washington. This indifference is not confined to either party. Everybody seems to have arrived at the conclusion that it makes no difference what Mr Cleveland may say or leave unsaid, that it is the wisdom of the Republicans in congress that must be depended upon and not Mr Cleveland's message.

Some of the candidates for the speaker house offices are trying to turn it into a sectional contest—this office for the south, that for the west, the other for the east, etc., but it is not probable that that the caucus will make its selections upon that basis. There has been too much sectional politics in this country. The Republican party has always proclaimed itself a neutral party, even when one section was solidly arrayed against it, and it is not likely to endorse sectionalism in any form now.

A NEW tariff Republican paper that has put a gag in its own mouth by assuming that the Republican defeats of 1890 and 1892 were due to the McKinley tariff act and now to prevent its humiliation must do all it can to prevent the nomination of McKinley, says.

If the Foraker folks should take a notion to boom Gen Bushnell for President on account of his recent splendid race for governor, it would be rough on McKinley, and quite as strange things as that have happened in Ohio politics, as Sherman, for instance, can testify.

The main defect in this thought, which is the offspring of the wish, lies in the fact that McKinley, when elected governor of Ohio in 1893, though he had but 81,000 plurality, while Bushnell in 1895 had 95,000 plurality, received 7,000 more votes than Bushnell. Why should Bushnell be boomed for President rather than McKinley in face of such facts?

AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL PRIZE MEDAL AT WORLD'S FAIR

World's Fair MEDAL And Diploma Awarded

AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL FOR THROAT and LUNG COMPLAINTS

AYER'S CHERRY PECTORAL PRIZE MEDAL AT WORLD'S FAIR

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS.

LaPlace.

E. E. Sayler was in Decatur last Friday.

Mr and Mrs W. C. Daniels went to Danville to visit with their daughter, Mrs. G. W. Draper.

Trains were all late last Saturday on account of a wreck near Indianapolis.

Sheriff Shively was noticed on our streets last saturday.

Decatur visitors last Saturday were Isaac Schoolcraft, Wilson Edgecomb, Henry and Ames Metzger and Bert Vanhorn.

Mr Huston returned home after a visit with his son in law J. A. Toney.

Another fine rain fell last Monday evening, but it will take a good deal more to soak up old mother earth.

Mrs Dunn has organized a German school at the school house every Tuesday night.

Some of our good citizens took pity on the people and put in nice crossings near Green's and the hotel.

Dan Ware, of Cambria, Ind., visited with his aunt, Mrs. A. J. Sayler, last Thursday.

A big snow fell last Monday night.

Thursday is the day to eat Thanksgiving turkey.

All of our trains were were late last Tuesday on account of snow.

Casner.

This is quite a hint that winter is near.

There is no grain coming to the buyers at present.

The wreck caused such delays to the passenger trains that there were no accommodations at all Saturday for travel.

The farmers who have not finished husking corn are of the opinion now that they will have cold fingers for it from this on.

Mrs J. E. Underwood and daughter, Hazel, are visiting her father, C. S. Bullard of Watseka, this week. They will probably remain until after Thanksgiving.

The school directors met Saturday night on business, and also gave a vacation from Wednesday till Monday. So there will be no school on Friday.

The Sunday school decided Sunday that they would observe Christmas in exercises of some kind, to be determined later. Please tell your *neighbors so that they and their children may* be ready to assist in this most enjoyable of feasts. Let there be a full turnout at Sunday school, so that the committee can determine on the number to be included in the exercises and treat.

Maroa

The weather is cold.

J. Cooper is some better.

Sam Holmes, of Decatur was in our village Friday.

Chas Stoltenborough has returned to his home in Decatur.

Don't miss the home talent play to be given Thanksgiving night.

J. Smith, of Monticello, has opened a restaurant in the Weaver building.

The Birkshire new building is completed and will be occupied by Morgan & Oakes the first of the month.

W. Meadendall and Nan Kemp have returned from Springfield. They report a grand time at the I. O. O. F. Grand Lodge.

Mrs F. L. Bogle and daughter, who have been visiting in Nevada, Iowa, have returned home.

Dr. McLain of Decatur was here Friday visiting his son, W. S. McClain.

B. T. Jimison and wife of Decatur are visiting Maroa friends here this week.

E. T. Jimison and family from Weldon visited the family of S. O. Jenkins the first of the week.

Maroa, Nov. 21, 1895.

LaPlace

John Pittner and Miss Ella Frost were married in Decatur on Wednesday, Nov. 20. Good luck to you, John.

Last week's snow made several of the boys get their guns.

Rev. Sayler, of Kokomo, Ind., and Mrs. D. C. Sayler of Cerro Gordo, were guests of their aunt, Mrs. A. J. Sayler of this place last Thursday.

Mr. Lewis Shasteen is reported no better.

Rev. Hill commenced a protracted meeting last Thursday evening.

The Minstrel is busted.

H. H. Bennett was in town last Thursday in the interest of the Modern Woodman.

Jacob Metzger, who has been sick for some time is improving.

C. N. Overstake went to Springfield last Tuesday to attend the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F.

Some grain is moving at the low prices.

Look out for a wedding before long in town.

Look out for a string of race horses from here next fall as Jas. Goodwin has one that is going to beat the world's record.

Farmers are getting pretty well done husking corn and report 40 to 60 bushels to the acre.

H. N. Greene has a race horse now.

Lou Haines is improving slowly.

Dan McCameron arrived home from Indiana last Tuesday.

LaPlace, Nov. 22, 1895.

Boody Items.

Owing to low prices of grain our grain merchants are not very busy.

Charley Misch has moved his tools into his new shop and is now ready for business.

A revival meeting has been going on here at the U. B. church for three weeks. There have been 12 conversions so far. Rev. Blunt is in charge. Rev. Blunt's father is here visiting with his son.

Quite a number of farmers are done gathering corn. They will about all be through by another week.

George Nickerson is very near death. He has been suffering with consumption for a year past.

The little child of George Cooper swallowed an open safety pin yesterday and their fears are entertained for the little one.

Oil Weatherford is still on the sick list, being confined to his bed most of the time.

Mr Mallory, agent for the WEEKLY REPUBLICAN, visited our burg Saturday in the interest of the paper.

The directors of our school are having a tuba-lin well made at the school house.

Our village shows like new since the rain, with two more yet to be built.

Quite a number of Boody people have been attending the fairs at Decatur this week.

G. W. Sola is doing a big business and will read the REPUBLICAN in the future.

Bearsdale.

Cold weather has commenced.

Mr John Sparks and family and Mr. and Mrs. and Mrs. Shively of Forsyth were the guests of Mr W. Sparks and family.

Mr. William Shirp is feeling much better at this writing.

Miss Lizzie Cowell visited friends in Decatur last Saturday.

Mr C. Lewis of near Warrensburg, visited relatives in this locality Monday.

Mr Robert Parks, of Sharon, visited his son Hugh Park at this place Saturday.

Mr Lame Downing of Casner Speed stand is with Rossiter, Idaho.

Mr N. Lehew, who has been very sick is much improved.

The Dubrow school has finally got a teacher to stay with them.

Miss Ida Hopkins, of Decatur, is the fourth teacher hired since the Dubrow commenced. She is getting along nicely and will probably hold the place for the remainder of the term.

Mr Charles Lehew had his corn shredded Friday.

Mr and Mrs. D. A. Good celebrated their 10th wedding anniversary last Thursday. Quite a number from this place attended and all report having a good time.

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George E. Hickle was in Peoria last week on business connected with the electric light plant.

Louis Lockhart visited friends in Bloomington over Sunday.

There was a shooting match at Chas Barnes last Saturday.

The sad death of Miss Bertha Beck has cast a shade of sorrow over the entire community and the many friends of the bereaved family extend their sympathy in this the hour of great trial. Bertha had been ill for some time but was thought to be recovering. She attended church and the next day suffered a relapse. She sank rapidly and died Monday morning, Nov. 25. The funeral was held at Harristown and a large number of friends attended to pay their last tribute of respect. Bertha was a pupil of the public school and her death saddens a great many hearts.

Con Coalgate, one of our enterprising merchants, is erecting a fine two-story brick business house, opposite his present place. The upper floor will be fitted up for a public hall which is greatly needed.

The heavy rain which fell here on the night of the 21st have also put a stop to corn shucking. A great deal of corn is yet in the field.

Letter List.

The following is a list of letters remaining uncalled for at the Decatur, Ill, postoffice November 26, 1895. Please say advertised when called for.

GENTS' LIST.

Anthony, C. M.	Hardin, W.
Baker, W. S.	Hill, Fred
Berrien, Robert	Jordler, Ed.
Briggs, M. L.	Lenhans, [illegible]
Blairs, W. S.	Lawrence, Ar.
Brown, John A.	Lemmace, Al.
Claborne, N. Y.	McKeever, [illegible]
Cloyd, Frank	Moore, C. W.
Denton, A. M.	Pinsley, W. [illegible]
Dies, McKin	Sayler, W. [illegible]
Dumpsal, C.	Sayler, Wade
Durbon, Wellington	Sartain, C.
Dyer, Lincoln	Shearer, [illegible]
Elmadr, David	Swartz, F.
Fellers, W.	Taylor, A. J.
Getze, John	Vallier, A. [illegible]
Hamilton, James	Wade, W. H.
Hardin, Lewis	Williams, Alex. H.

LADIES' LIST.

Berry, Maggie	Gorham, M. [illegible]
Black, B.	Hines, [illegible]
Blair, Amoly	Leaders, E. [illegible]
Bonsitt, Nance	Mitchell, Nellie
Bonstead, [illegible]	Robinson, [illegible]
Bowles, Flora	Robinson, [illegible]
Butler, Margaret	Smith, E. [illegible]
Clark, A. P.	Smith, [illegible]
Cook, Annie	Thompson, M.
Delano, Lizzie	Weaver, [illegible]
Dixon, Mary	

CARDS.

Decatur Lead & Zinc Works

Anderson, A. G.

Jerry Denny

A NEW town has sprung into existence at Lincoln, Ill. Platted last April on 126 acres between Lincoln and Pana, lots have sold at $98.50 per acre, large improvements being made, and Mr. Roberts has purchased a half section near Des Moines, Iowa, and will add an addition to his house.

FAIRBURY wants a new hotel. A prominent citizen has offered to donate a building lot and $1000 if another $5000 can be raised.

CHICAGO is agitating the subject of statehood and a fair association.

Did you ever see one of the famous waterproof Interlined Collars or Cuffs? It's very easy to tell, for they are all marked this way

TRADE ELLULOID MARK.

They are the only Interlined Collars and Cuffs, and are made of linen, covered with waterproof "CELLULOID." They'll stand right by you day in and day out, and they are all marked this way

TRADE ELLULOID MARK.

The first cost is the only cost for they keep clean a long time, and when soiled you can clean them in a minute by simply wiping off with a wet cloth—that is the kind marked this way

TRADE ELLULOID MARK.

These collars and cuffs will outlast six linen ones. The wearer escapes laundry trials and laundry bills—no chafed neck and no wilting down if you get a collar marked this way

TRADE ELLULOID MARK.

Ask your dealer first, and take nothing that has not above trade mark, if you desire perfect satisfaction. All others are imitations absolutely.

If you can't find collars or cuffs marked this way, we will send you a sample postpaid on receipt of price. Collars, 25 cts. each. Cuffs 50 cts. pair. Give your size and say whether stand-up or turned-down collar is wanted.

THE CELLULOID COMPANY, 427-29 Broadway, NEW YORK.

LINN & SCRUGGS DRY GOODS & CARPET COMPANY.

FIRE SALE

Never Such Bargains Offered.

You must take your time and look through the store. You will find plenty of goods that have not been damaged badly and still you can buy them for one-half price.

Greatest Sale on Record.

Why? Because you will find goods just as advertised, and everybody knows it will be a long time before they can get Dry Goods, Cloaks, Furs, Carpets, etc., so cheap. We still are hauling stock from the different places where we had it stored and each day adds new bargains. You must call each day and you will be sure to find something cheap.

JUST PLACED ON SALE

...LACE CURTAINS...

All our fine quality at about half price.

800 Ladies' Shirt Waists at 25c. 82 Ladies' Cashmere Shirt Waists at 25c.

....FUR CAPES AND JACKETS....

You can buy Fur Capes and Jackets this week at less than half price.

Ladies' and Misses' Jackets and Cloaks.

Best assortment we have ever had and the lowest prices we have ever made.

300 Boys' and Girls' Leggings, in velvet, corduroy, cloth and leather, 25c, 35c, 50c 75c and $1.

HOLIDAY, GOODS, DOLLS, ETC.

We are placing on sale, and you will do well in waiting for your holiday presents until you see our line. We will show the greatest line ever shown.

threatening us may be found in the simple and simple remedy of the free coinage of silver. They contend that our mints shall be at once thrown open to the free unlimited and independent coinage of both gold and silver dollars of full legal tender quality regardless of the action of any other government and in full view of the fact that the ratio between the two metals which they suggest calls for one hundred cents worth of gold in the gold dollar at the present market rate and only fifty cents in the intrinsic worth of silver in the silver dollar. Were there not strong reasons to the contrary I should think that such action would secure for us a metallic currency moving on the line of the experiment so novel and hazardous that the bare proposal might well stagger the world with the fear that stability is an impossibility in money and money

Such a result no human contrivance or act of law can have power to hold the world together in free coinage at a ratio so impossible and different from that which is established in the markets of the world.

A HAZARDOUS EXPERIMENT

If we who believe that an independent free coinage of silver at a fanciful ratio with gold would be to destroy the parity between the two metals and consequently between the dollars in which we pay our debts and impossible theory that a dollar and a half of silver or other metal is the equivalent of the world's standard of value, the wisest statesmen and economists of the world, both in the past and present, what is far more conclusive, the experience of our own and other peoples within our recollected history, our law makers in attempting to establish a bimetallic currency have found it necessary to put upon the metals which we identically varied from the actual relative value of the two metals now more than 3 per cent in both cases, notwithstanding greater difficulty and cost of transportation, and in one of the cases we have seen the ratio which was intended to be maintained was not that which appeared to be the market ratio, but that in which the value of the metal was greater than the market value, and we have seen Congress were compelled to change the ratio when natural causes had caused even a slight inequality. In these instances we have actually had the experience of legislation attempting to make a dollar of less than the market value of the other metal, and we have seen the result. Congress was compelled to change the ratio when the dollar of the more valuable metal was found to be the dollar which was hoarded, melted, exported, while the dollar of the less valuable metal was left in circulation. Our own country has had the experience of the attempt to maintain a bimetallic currency by legal enactment, and we have seen the result. We have seen the dollar of the more valuable metal disappear from circulation

THE MESSAGE.

President Cleveland Communicates With the New Congress.

Our Foreign Relations Reviewed Extensively Except the Venezuelan Affair, Which Will Be Treated in a Special Message.

The Financial Situation and the Silver Question Given a Thorough Consideration—The Gold Standard the Remedy.

THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES—The present session of the legislative branch of our government occurs at a time when the interests of our people and the country give especial prominence to the condition of our foreign relations and the exigencies of our national finances. The reports of the heads of the several administrative departments of the government fully and plainly exhibit what has been accomplished within the scope of their respective duties and present such recommendations for the betterment of our country's condition as patriotic and intelligent labor and observation suggest.

I therefore deem my executive duty adequately performed at this time by presenting to the congress the important phases of our situation as related to our intercourse with foreign nations and a statement of the financial problems which confront us, omitting except as they are related to these topics any reference to departmental operations.

I earnestly invite however not only the careful consideration but the severely critical scrutiny of the congress and my fellow countrymen to the reports concerning the several departments. If justly and fairly examined, they furnish proof of the assiduous and painstaking care for the public welfare.

I press the recommendations they contain upon the respectful attention of those charged with the duty of legislation because I believe their adoption would promote the people's good.

Foreign Relations.

ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

The boundary legislation in January last, the Argentine republic recognizing the value of the large market open to the free importation of its wools under our last tariff act, has admitted certain products of the United States to entry at reduced duties. It is pleasing to note that the efforts we have made to enlarge the exchanges of trade on a sound basis of mutual benefit are in this instance appreciated by the country from which our woolen factories draw their needful supply of raw material.

The long standing dispute between the Argentine Republic and Brazil, referred to the president of the United States as arbitrator during the term of my predecessor and which was submitted to me for determination upon the joint and documentary evidence presented by either, a long protracted controversy and at times acrimonious in character, has finally been settled in duly and the questions at issue by the adjudication of a number of those adjudged guilty of actual participation in the outrages.

The government can also insist that a special American commission shall visit the province where the first disturbances occurred for the purpose of investigation. This latter commission, formed after much opposition has come and went from Buenos Aires accompanied by a small Chinese escort and by its demonstrated the readiness and ability of our government to protect its citizens, will not fail to be a most influential deterrent of any such outbreaks in the future.

The energetic steps we have thus taken are all the more likely to result in future safety to our citizens in China because the impression that government is lax or indifferent, convinced that we decline with liberty and protection of our own citizens and redress for any wrongs they may have suffered, and that we have no alternative but to resort to political or other aids.

I will not forget either our kindly service to American citizens during the late war nor the fact that while furnishing all the facilities at our command to further the neutral interests intrusted to our care, we have no contributions and interposed no complaint.

The governments of both China and Japan have in special dispatches transmitted to their respective diplomatic representatives expressed their appreciation of the care to their citizens during the late struggle and of the views of our mild for a speedy way to their resumption of peaceful relations.

FRANCE.

We continue on cordial relations between the countries and I can only repeat what I have heretofore said with the exception that a full and satisfactory settlement of claim by Walter C. Walker, a citizen of the United States, against the government of France, which has been in progress for the period of seven years, has been brought to the official record.

The convention of June 9, 1884, between the United States and France, which was apparently successful in its inception, has of late been the occasion of much vexation and loss to our citizens who have resorted to it. It was intended by the commissioners, Mr. Walker, who put in silver certificates consist of United States notes and treasury notes issued for silver purchases. These forms of money are only used in the government payroll, security military expenses, and its quantity in government hands is such does not in the contribute to the operation of the law of 1878 and 1890, compelling the purchase of silver by the government, and which only furnish a new treasury obligation upon which gold could be withdrawn but so large is the fear of an overwhelming flood of silver that the decent to silver payments by reason of the repeal of those laws did not enter into the evils of their existence.

AS TO FREE COINAGE OF SILVER

While I have endeavored to give a plain statement of this topic, upon the stability of our currency and the present distressing prosperity, will I say, I am very largely influenced by the belief that the free coinage of silver would lead to a safer currency. I have constantly had in mind the fact that many of my countrymen who I do not doubt, insist that the cure for the

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difference above noted respecting a matter of common concern where nothing is sought except such a mutual, satisfactory outcome as the true merits of the case require is the recent resolution of the French chambers favoring the conclusion of a permanent treaty of arbitration between the two countries.

An invitation has been extended by France to the government and people of the United States to participate in the great international exposition at Paris in 1900 as a suitable commemoration of the close of this the world's marvelous century of progress. I heartily recommend its acceptance together with such legislation as will adequately provide for a due representation of this government and its people on the occasion.

GERMANY.

Our relations with the states of the German empire are in some aspects typical of a condition of things obtaining in a country whose production and traffic are similar to our own. The close relation of competing industries to the influence of the protective doctrine that the internal development of a nation is promoted and its wealth increased by a policy which is undertaking to reserve its home markets for the exclusive use of its own producers necessarily obstructs their sales in foreign markets and prevent free access to the products of the world. The desire to retain trade in time-worn ruts regardless of the inexorable laws of new needs and changed conditions of demand and supply and our own halting tardiness in furnishing free exchanges of commodities and by this means imperiling our footing in the external markets naturally open to us, have created a situation somewhat injurious to American export interests not only in Germany where they are perhaps most noticeable but in adjacent countries.

The exports affected are largely American cattle and other food products, the reason assigned for unfavorable discrimination being that their consumption is deleterious to the public health. This is all the more irritating in view of the fact that no European state is as jealous of the excellence and wholesomeness of its exported food supplies as the United States, nor so easily able, on account of inherent soundness to guarantee those qualities.

Nor are these difficulties confined to our food products designed for exportation. Our great insurance companies, for example, having built up a vast business abroad, and invested a large share of their gains in foreign countries in compliance with the local laws and regulations then existing, now find themselves within a narrowing circle of onerous and unforeseen conditions and are confronted by the necessity of retirement from a field thus made unprofitable if indeed they are not summarily expelled as some of them have lately been from Prussia.

It is not to be forgotten that international trade can not be one-sided. Its currents are alternating and its movements should be honestly reciprocal. Without this it must necessarily degenerate into a device to gain advantage or a contrivance to secure benefits with only the semblance of exchange.

An examination of the situation suggests such measures on our part as would involve restrictions similar to those from which we suffer. The way to such a course is easy. It should however, by no means be lightly entered upon since the necessity for the inauguration of such a policy would be regretted by the best sentiment of our people and because it naturally and logically might lead to consequences of the gravest character.

I take pleasure in calling to your attention the encouraging testimony of those vessels of our new navy which took part in the notable occasion of the opening of the Kiel canal. Germany, with its long, hard, and costly work, has thus achieved, and the new German navy should be celebrated in the present of time an exposition of the latest developments of the world's naval energy.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Our relations with Great Britain always important and important have demanded during the past year even a greater share of consideration than is usual. Several vexatious questions were left undetermined by the Bering sea arbitration tribunal. The application of the principles laid down by the august body has not been followed by the results they were intended to accomplish, either because the principles themselves fashioned in haste and definitive in expression, their execution has been more or less imperfect.

The need of a more effective enforcement of existing regulations as well as the adoption of such additional regulations as experience has shown to be absolutely necessary to carry out the intent of the award have been earnestly urged upon the British government but thus far without effective results. In the meantime the depletion of the seal herds by means of pelagic hunting has so alarmingly progressed that unless their slaughter is at once effective, it is clear that within a few years seals will be a matter of absolute certainty.

The amount adjudged by the United States was to pay and Great Britain to receive a lump sum of $425,000 in full settlement of all British claims for damages arising from our seizure of British sealing vessels unauthorized under the award of the Paris tribunal of arbitration was not confirmed by the last congress which declined to make the necessary appropriation. I am still of the opinion that this arrangement was a judicious and advantageous one for the government and I earnestly recommend the same be again considered and sanctioned. If however this does not meet with the favor of congress it certainly will hardly dissent from the proposition that the government is bound by every consideration of honor and good faith to provide for the speedy adjustment of those claims by arbitration as the only other alternative. A treaty of arbitration has therefore been agreed upon and will be immediately laid before the senate so that in one of the modes suggested a final settlement may be reached.

The commissioners appointed to mark the international bounds in Passamaquoddy Bay according to the description of the treaty of Ghent have not yet fully agreed.

THE ALASKAN BOUNDARY.

The completion of the preliminary survey of that Alaskan boundary which follows the contour of the coast from the southernmost point of Prince of Wales Island until it strikes the only line of Canada forty-five miles from the ocean, the summer of Mount St. Elias, with the further necessary appropriation which is earnestly recommended. This survey was undertaken under provisions of the convention entered into by this country and Great Britain July 22, 1892, and the supplementary convention of February 1894. As to the remaining section of the Alaskan boundary which follows the eastern ocean and forty-first meridian in the Rivers from Mount Elias to the frozen ocean, the settlement of which involves the practical location of the meridian mentioned no agreement has yet been made.

In the meantime the rush of gold seekers to the Klondike region, which is in the disputed territory between the Yukon and the Lynn canal, has been marked by a lawless spirit, which it has been the duty of our government to repress. The presence of a small force of United States troops has been necessary to enforce obedience to our laws and to prevent the territory of the United States from being abused as a vantage ground from which to aid those in arms against Spanish sovereignty.

Whatever may be the traditional sympathy of our countrymen as individuals with people who aim to be struggling for larger autonomy, and great freedom depended as such sympathy naturally must be in behalf of our neighbors, it is the plain duty of this government as to observe in good faith the obligations of international neutrality. The performance of this duty should not be made more difficult by a disregard on the part of our citizens of the obligations growing out of their allegiance to their country which should restrain them from actively as individuals the neutrality which the nation of which they are members are bound to observe in its relations to friendly sovereign states. Though neither the warmth of our people's sympathy with the Cuban insurgents nor our loss and material damage consequent upon the futile efforts thus far made to put down the revolt, and order nor any shock our humane sensibilities may have received from the cruelties which appear to be only characteristic of this sanguinary and fiercely conducted war have in the least shaken the determination of the government to honestly fulfill every international obligation, we may justly be earnestly hoped on every ground that the devastation of armed conflict may speedily be stayed and order and quiet restored to the distracted island bringing to their train the practicability and thrift of peaceful pursuits.

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Military arrests of citizens of the United States in Cuba have occasioned frequent remonstrances. Where held on criminal charges their delivery to the ordinary civil jurisdiction for trial has been demanded and obtained in conformity with treaty provisions and where merely detained by way of military precaution under a proclaimed state of siege without formal trial or cessation their release or trial has been insisted upon.

The right of American consular officers in the island to prefer protests and demands in such cases having been questioned by the insular authority their enjoyment of the privilege stipulated by treaty for the consuls of Germany was claimed under the most favored nation provision of our own convention, and was promptly recognized.

THE HAWAIIAN REPUBLIC.

Early in January last an uprising against the government of Hawaii was promptly suppressed. Martial law was forthwith proclaimed and numerous arrests were made of persons suspected of being in sympathy with the royalist party. Among these were several citizens of the United States who were either convicted by a military court and sentenced to death imprisonment or fine, or were deported without trial. The United States while denying protection to such as had taken the Hawaiian oath of allegiance insisted that martial law though altering the forms of justice could not supersede justice itself, and demanded stay of execution until the proceedings had been submitted to this government and knowledge obtained therefrom that our citizens had received fair trial. The death sentences were subsequently commuted or were remitted on condition of leaving the islands. The cases of certain Americans arrested and expelled by arbitrary order without formal charge or trial have had attention, and in some instances have been found to justify remonstrance and a claim for indemnity, which Hawaii has not thus far conceded.

Mr. Thurston, the Hawaiian minister, having furnished this government abundant reason for asking that he be recalled, that course was pursued, and his successor has lately been received.

The deplorable lynching of several Italian laborers in Colorado was naturally followed by international remonstrance, and I am happy to say that the best efforts of the state in which the outrages occurred have been put forth to discover and punish the authors of this atrocious crime. The dependent families of some of the unfortunate victims invite, by their deplorable condition, gracious provision for their needs.

THE PADRONE EVIL.

These manifestations against helpless aliens may be traced through successive stages to the vicious padrone system which unchecked by our immigration and contract labor statutes controls these workers from the moment of landing on our shores, and farms them out in distant and often rude regions where their cheapening competition in the fields of breadwinning toil brings them in collision with other labor interests. While welcoming as we should those who seek our shores to merge themselves in our body politic and win personal competence by honest effort, we can not regard such assemblages of distinctively alien laborers, hired out in the mass to the profit of alien speculators and shipped hither and thither as the prospect of gain may dictate, as otherwise than repugnant to the spirit of our civilization detrimental to individual advancement and a hindrance to the building up of stable communities resting upon the wholesome ambitions of the citizen and constituting the prime factor in the prosperity and progress of our nation. If legislation can reach this growing evil, it certainly should be attempted.

A COLONIZATION FAILURE.

As a sequel to the failure of a scheme for the colonization in Mexico of negroes mostly emigrants from Alabama under contract a giant number of these helpless and suffering people starving and smitten with contagious diseases made their way or were assisted to the frontier where in wretched condition they were quarantined by the Texas authorities. Learning of their destitute condition I directed inquiries to be temporarily furnished them through the war department.

At the expiration of their quarantine they were conveyed by the railway companies at comparatively nominal rates to their homes in Alabama upon my assurance in the absence of any fund available for the cost of their transportation that I would recommend to congress an appropriation for its payment. I now strongly urge upon congress the propriety of making such an appropriation.

NICARAGUA.

In last year's message I narrated at some length the jurisdictional questions then freshly arisen in the Mosquito Indian trip of Nicaragua. Since that time by the voluntary act of the Mosquito nation the territory reserved to them has been incorporated with Nicaragua, the Indians formally subjecting themselves to be governed by the general law and regulations of the republic instead of by their own customs and regulations and thus availing themselves of a privilege secured to them by the treaty between Nicaragua and Great Britain of January 28, 1860.

After this execution of uniform Nicaraguan administration to the Mosquito strip the case of the British Vice Consul Hatch and of several of his countrymen who had been summarily expelled from Nicaragua and treated with considerable indignity provoked a claim by Great Britain upon Nicaragua for pecuniary indemnity which upon Nicaragua's refusal to admit liability was enforced by Great Britain. While the sovereignty and jurisdiction of Nicaragua was in no way questioned by Great Britain the former's arbitrary conduct in regard to the British subjects furnished the ground for this proceeding.

Throughout this incident the kindly offices of the United States were invoked and were employed in favor of a peaceful settlement and as much consideration and indulgence toward Nicaragua as were consistent with the nature of the case. Our efforts have since been made the subject of appreciative and grateful recognition by Nicaragua.

SAMOA.

In my last two messages I called the attention of the congress to the position we occupied as one of the parties to a treaty or agreement by which we became jointly bound with Germany and Germany to so interfere with the government and control of Samoa as in effect to assume the management of its affairs. On the 9th day of May 1894 I transmitted to the senate a special message with accompanying documents giving information on the subject and emphasizing the opinion I have at all times entertained that our situation in this matter was inconsistent with the mission and traditions of our government in violation of the principles we profess and in its practice mischievous and vexatious. I again press this subject upon the attention of the congress and ask for such legislative action or expression as will lead the way to our relief from obligations both irksome and unnatural.

THE ISLAND OF CUBA.

Cuba is again gravely disturbed by insurrection is some respects more active than the last preceding revolt which continued from 1868 to 1878 now exists in a large part of the eastern portion of the island menacing even some populations on the coast. Besides disrupting the commercial exchanges of the island of which our country takes the predominant share this flagrant condition of hostilities by arousing sentimental sympathy and inciting adventurous support among our people has entailed anxious efforts on the part of this government to enforce obedience to our neutrality laws and to prevent the territory of the United States from being abused as a vantage ground from which to aid those in arms against Spanish sovereignty.

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Children's Wool Mits at 10, 15 and 18c.
Ladies' Wool Mits at 15, 23 and 28c.
Children's Natural Wool Vests, 19c up.
Children's Natural Wool Drawers, 19c.
Ladies' Natural Wool Vests worth 50c, at 33c.
Ladies' Natural Wool Drawers worth 50c, at 33c.
Ladies Wool Hose, 15, 20, 23 and 25c.
Children's Wool Hose, 15c up.
Men's Fine Wool Hose, 23, 25 and 28c.
Men's Heavy Wool Hose, 25, 29 and 30c.
Purses, 10, 15, 20 and 25c.
Pocket Books, 20, 25 and 33c.
Side Combs, worth 15c, 10c pair.
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STRENGTH OF SOFT WOOD.

Soft wood becomes stronger than hard wood under pressure. The case of a block of pine taken from the middle of an upright which formed a part of the timber support in the Comstock mines for 12 years gives an example of the effect of heavy pressure on wood fiber. It is so hard that it cannot be cut with a knife, and one of its sides is polished from the squeezing it has undergone. Yellow pine from the lower levels of the Comstock has been so compressed by the enormous weight that its density exceeds that of lignum vitae.

Rich Deposit of Aluminum.

A very rich deposit of aluminum was recently discovered at Dover, N. H. Workmen, while excavating for the foundation of a bank building, discovered it. The metal glistens brightly in the sunlight. It is very rarely found so rich. The clay is so soft it can be shoveled up easily.

ACTS at once, never fails, One Minute Cough Cure. A remedy for asthma, and that feverish condition which accompanies a severe cold. The only harmless remedy that produces immediate results. *Nest's* drug store.

A FEW farmers about Ludlow and Paxton are buying corn from their neighbors and storing it in cribs, believing there will be a rise in the price.

AN Indiana glass factory wants to move and is making overtures to Pekin.

A GOOD OFFER.

Two weekly papers for the price of one is certainly a good offer and yet that is what we do in another part of this paper. Read the advertisement headed "A CAMPAIGN OFFER" and see what we say about it, and then avail yourself of it at once. We offer:

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These two papers contain 136 columns of matter, politics, news, stories etc. The REPUBLICAN is printed Thursdays and reaches you the same day. The Tribune is printed Wednesdays and reaches you about Friday. You have them both fresh every Saturday evening and Sunday.

This is the best offer ever made to the people of the county and should be promptly accepted. Send in your name and money at once, or come to the REPUBLICAN office, square up and take both papers for one year for one dollar. Don't wait, as the first day of March will soon roll around.

PACER SMITH'S FUNERAL

Large Attendance at the Catholic Church—Remarks by Father Macken.

The Diamond Stud Given to Edward Smith—Pacer's Last Confession.

Considerable interest centered Sunday afternoon in the funeral and burial of Charles N. Smith, who was hanged Friday last. The cortege from the house to St. Patrick's church embraced the hearse and seven vehicles. On the cloth-covered casket rested a floral pillow, inscribed "Our Brother," and also a sheaf of wheat tied with satin ribbon. The church was crowded to the doors, and all of the space in the aisles was occupied while several hundred people stood in the street, despite the disagreeable weather. The parents of the deceased, his brothers and sisters, and a few friends followed the remains into the church and occupied front pews reserved for them.

Some inquiry has been made as to whether or not Mrs. Maggie Smith was at the funeral. She was not present, and no member of the Buchert family was around except Frank Buchert, who stood on the sidewalk opposite the church until after the cortege formed for the march to the cemetery.

THE LAST SERVICE.

Rev. Father Macken had charge of the formal funeral service. It was brief. When Father Macken had concluded the services of the church as prescribed by the Roman ritual, he said:

My Dear Christian Friends: Charles Smith, whose remains are here before us, died a member of the Catholic church. He was baptized into the Catholic church, and so far as human mind can judge, he died sincerely and honestly repenting his sins and crimes. He died forgiving from his heart all who had injured him, and humbly and sincerely asking pardon of those whom he had injured. He died with that name, in which alone there is salvation,—the sweet name of Jesus on his lips. His last words on earth, just as the sheriff sprung the trap, were, "My Jesus, mercy." I hope that you will now all join with me in the words of Holy Church which I have just repeated in the ritual, "Eternal rest grant unto him, O, Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him," and I trust that with this the sad and painful episode will be closed.

The burial was in the Catholic cemetery west of the city.

THE DIAMOND STUD.

Father Brady to-day gave to Edward Smith, brother of the deceased, the diamond stud given to Pacer by friends from Crawfordsville, Ind., while he was in prison. It was the request of Pacer to Father Brady that he should give the diamond to his brother, Edward, and the priest has done so.

Father Brady stated to-day that on Friday in his cell Charles N. Smith declared to him that he knew absolutely nothing about the Florey robbery and nothing about the McKinley murder.

BISHOP WAYMAN DEAD.

Dropped Dead at His Home in Baltimore—Was Here for a Week Last September.

Bishop A. W. Wayman, senior bishop of the African Methodist Church of the United States, and next to Fred Douglass the best-known colored man in this country, dropped dead from paralysis while dressing himself at his home in Baltimore Saturday morning. He was bishop of the fifth diocese of the church, his territory including the states of Iowa, Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin. He closed his last conference at Keokuk, Iowa, two weeks ago. By his death the Rev. H. W. Turner, of Atlanta, Ga., becomes the senior bishop.

List of Patents.

Granted to Illinois Inventors this week. Reported by C. A. Snow & Co., Solicitors of American and foreign patents, opposite U. S. Patent Office, Washington, D. C.

J. C. Anderson, Highland Park, unicycle; J. C. Oram, Moline, multiple turning lathe; H. L. Bridgman, Blue Island, electro depositing apparatus; M. W. Foster, Pecatonica, stove; A. S. Held, Freeport, mop-head; E. Lovelace, alarcelline, horse detacher; H. Oldendorph, Belleville, plow; A. L. Platt, Clinton, book-holder; E. Plumhoff, Nashville, pneumatic gig pad; F. A. Willbanks, Elkhart, conveyor for corn shellers; F. C. Zundahl, Forreston, stay for wire fences.

Rev. Frank Crane at Chicago.

Rev. Frank Crane, of Omaha, Neb., formerly of First M. E. church, Bloomington, preached at Trinity M. E. church Chicago, yesterday. Trinity is looking for a pastor and Mr. Crane was there by invitation with the view of accepting a call should everything prove satisfactory. This is the same church that some time ago made an effort to have Rev. D. F. Howe visit it on the same mission which Mr. Howe declined to consent to.

The Teachers' Meeting.

There were about sixty teachers at the county teachers' meeting held Saturday at the office of Superintendent Keller. These topics were discussed:

"Classification of Schools," W. W. Kyle, Argenta.

Remarks on a "Trip to Europe," Miss Grace Hutchison, Decatur.

"The Schoolmaster in Comedy and Satire," J. E. Underwood.

"Observation in Class Studies," Jay Morrison, of Oreana.

Remarks by E. A. Gastman.

Davis—Smart.

Byrd L. Davis, the livery man, was married Thanksgiving morning to Miss Bertha D. Smart at the bride's home in Shelbyville. The young couple came to Decatur on the evening train and will be at home to their friends at their residence, 863 North College street, after Dec. 12.

E. FOLEY, of Cornell, raised an ear of corn which measured 11 inches in circumference and weighed one pound, 11 ounces.

CHARLES MILTON has bought the C. W. Hoffman forty acres near Harteburg, paying $107 per acre

OBITUARY.

Death of Edward G. Bramble, Veteran and Mailing Clerk.

The serious illness of Edward G. Bramble has been noted in the local papers at intervals. He passed away in death Saturday night, Nov. 30, at his home, 173 West Decatur street, at 11:30 o'clock, in the 51st year of his age; leaving a widow and two sons, Win and Byron Bramble, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Bramble, his brother, O. N. Bramble, and his sister, Mrs. A. F. Jenison, besides hosts of personal friends to mourn his loss.

Mr. Bramble was afflicted with consumption of the bowels, and had been in failing health for a number of years—and because of sickness he had to quit his employment two months or more ago, that he might have rest and seek relief from his trouble. At the time of his death Ed. was the mailing clerk at the Decatur postoffice, in which exacting work he has had no superior in Decatur for years. He trained his son, Win, to do the work, and he has been a worthy and efficient substitute for his father. Death has taken away a genial, kind-hearted man, and those who knew Ed. Bramble best will mourn his death as that of a true friend and brother.

Edward Gordon Bramble was born near Lafayette, Ind., February 14, 1845. He spent his early boyhood there with his parents and then moved to Ohio where they lived three years. From there they came to Illinois and settled at Decatur in 1858. Here he spent his youth until the war broke out when he enlisted May 31, 1862, in Company I, Sixty-eighth Regular Illinois Infantry, and was ordered to Camp Butler near Springfield, but afterwards transferred to Company B, Seventeenth Illinois, stationed at Alton. He was discharged on October 23, 1862 after five months' service. In 1869, he was in the employe of Postmaster William J. Usrey, until November 1871 when he accepted a position as mail agent between Decatur and St. Louis, and afterwards between Lafayette and St. Louis, where he served until December 31, 1881, when he was seriously hurt in a wreck at Carpenter, Ill., when William Silsbee was killed. He was injured internally and from then dates his decline. In April 1882, he accepted a position as mailing clerk under Capt. Lytle, postmaster. He remained there until 1889, when Mr. Jack took charge of the office. He then engaged in the confectionery and ice business until February 1893, when he retired from business and resumed his old position under Postmaster Hubbard, where he remained until September 1, 1895, when he was forced to give up and take to his bed. He first contracted the grip in the winter of 1890 from which he partially recovered but again in 1892, he had another attack and during the winter of 1893 he went west, with hopes of regaining his strength, but to no avail. The funeral is in progress this afternoon at the Baptist church.

Funeral of the Late Edward G. Bramble Largely Attended.

The funeral of the late Edward G. Bramble, mailing clerk for many years at the Decatur postoffice, took place yesterday afternoon from the First Baptist church in the presence of a large assemblage of neighbors and friends. By special permission of the Postoffice Department at Washington, in response to telegraphic request sent by Postmaster Donahue, the Decatur office was closed for two hours during the services as a special mark of respect. The mail carriers and office force served as an escort for the remains from the house to the church, and all remained until after the cortege had moved from the church.

The funeral services were in charge of the pastor, Rev. John D. Jordan, who in connection with the sermon paid a well-deserved tribute to the life of the deceased. The music was by Mrs. Howard, Miss Howard, C. W. Montgomery and Al. Lindamood. There was a great profusion of floral tributes, many of massive design and great beauty.

The interment was in Greenwood, Messrs. Samuel B. Winholtz, Edward W. Wood, Jerry Donahue, George R. Steele, William R. Abbott and Orville B. Gorin were the pall bearers.

Ed Bramble had passed nearly all of his life in Decatur. Those who knew him best recognized his personal worth as a friend and a man. He knew nearly everybody, and to all he was ever courteous and kind. Ed possessed a genial, kindly nature. Life was a joy to him, and no man was more devoted to his home and family. He entered into their enjoyments and pleasures with the honest simplicity of a child. He loved to talk of his two sons and was ever busy planning for their future. He was a man of marked intelligence and seldom erred in his estimate of men. In either occupation, that of a mailing clerk or mail messenger, none could excel him in the perfection of his work. Ill health came upon and crippled his usefulness and he had to take a rest Gradually he grew worse, and finally fell asleep. To the last he retained consciousness and tenderly bade his family and all of his relatives good-bye.

Alleged Forger Arrested.

William Owen was arrested at Assumption Monday on a charge of forging his employer's name to a bank check on which he secured $5. He gave bond for his appearance for trial to-day, and last night he boarded a Diamond Special for a journey to Chicago. An effort was made to nab him at Decatur, but the telegram reached the police too late Owen was intercepted at Maroa. He was brought to Decatur this morning, and this afternoon an officer took Owen to Assumption.

AT Champaign cows have been falling sick from eating millet hay. The cows were fed too much and ate only the tops.

THE Hoopeston Methodists intend to build a $20,000 church.

BARBER SHOP RIOT.

A Hot Time Sunday in Chicago—Irate Customers.

Sunday there was a lively time in the barber shop at the Great Northern Hotel, Chicago, growing out of the effort to stop shaving on the Sabbath. Mr. Eden, the hotel proprietor, was about to be arrested. Just prior to that act, walking delegates of the Barbers' Protective association were taught a quick step at the Great Northern. Several of them were kicked into the street and others were thrown bodily out of the hotel barber shop and rolled on the slush-covered pavement. The affair took on the proportions of a riot for a time. The attacking force was composed of barbers employed at the hotel and irate customers who were awaiting their turns to get shaved. The cause of the trouble was the appearance of the constable with warrants for the arrest of the barbers at work. Immediately upon the appearance of the officers of the law, all the journeymen left their chairs, doffed their white coats and donned their usual garments, thereby mystifying the constable who could not distinguish the barbers from customers. The constable had been followed into the shop by a number of walking delegates of the Barbers Protective association who at once began to point out to the officer the men who had been at work. Then the wrath of the assembled crowd of customers and barbers alike burst forth in its full fury and for a few minutes pandemonium reigned.

Mr. Eden appeared on the scene and called a halt before razors and revolvers were brought into play.

BRAD DU BOIS MARRIED.

Marriage of One of Denver's Well-Known Citizens Last Night.

Denver Times, Nov. 27.

Brad H. Du Bois was married last evening to Mrs. Eva Moore, at the residence of the bride, 1300 Corona street, the Rev. Thomas Uzzell officiating. There were about fifteen guests present at the ceremony, which was a complete surprise to the friends of both contracting parties. Miss Edna Moore, a daughter of the bride, acted as bridesmaid, and after a wedding supper, Mr. and Mrs. Du Bois left for the West by the Rio Grande.

Brad Du Bois is one of the best known horsemen in the West, and with his brother owns the stables which are headed by the famous Superior. The year has been an unusually good one for the Du Bois stables.

Among those present were Major Du Bois, brother of the groom; Miss Edna Moore, daughter of the bride; J. Speer of Garden City, Kan; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Hand, Mr. and Mrs. McNamara, Elwood Neff, Miss Hand, Mrs. Augusta Brown, Mrs. H. A. Brown, D. McKinstry and Dr. Charles Gresswell.

Brad is well known in Decatur where he resided for several years.

The Biggest Celery Farm.

The latest horticultural report of the government states that the largest celery farm in the United States, if not in the world, is at Greentown, O. This farm is owned by the Borst heirs and managed by C. H. Borst, one of them. Under cultivation and devoted entirely to celery are 125 acres. Mr. Borst employs the members of seven families, all of whom reside on the farm, in operating the place. Much of the celery product is shipped to Chicago. The value of the annual output is about $20,000, but this year it will fall some $8,000 short of this. The very dry weather and frosts in October are responsible for this. The farm 12 years ago was a worthless swamp. To-day it is valued at $75,000. Mr. Borst is authority for the statement that six acres devoted to celery culture will net a farmer as great an income as he would derive from 125 acres of ordinary farm land.

Born in the Tower of London.

VIRGINIA, Ill., Dec. 2.—Mrs. John Heaton, an early settler of this section of Illinois, died Saturday morning aged 76 years. Her maiden name was Mary J. Fullerton, and she was born in the Tower of London, England, February 29, 1820, when her father, Maj. James Fullerton was in command of the tower. All visitors to this famous prison of the Old World were shown the room and especial attention was called to the fact by the guides that Mary J. Fullerton Heaton was the only female ever born in the tower. She is survived by her husband, Capt. John Heaton, aged 85, and nine children.

Santa Claus Is Ready.

If Santa Claus should forget any good little boy or girl the coming Christmas it will not be for a lack of stock in trade. The many toys, unique and new, that are in this market, with the tons of visible supply of candy, will fill to the top both stockings of every child in the country and leave a surplus on hand. It is quite noticeable even at this early day, that the little ones are getting on their extreme good behavior for the coming of Christmas day, and they will all be remembered, no doubt by Santa Claus.

A New Antiseptic.

Potassiumorthodinitrocresolate is the name of a new antiseptic discovered in Germany, but, as it is intended to be used generally, it is also called antinonin. One part of the substance in from 1,500 to 2,000 parts of soapsuds is destructive to all the common parasites injurious to plants. Yeast used in brewing remains fresh for a long time when treated with it; it destroys all bacteria, and yeast can endure a solution as strong as 5 per cent of the substance. It is odorless and very cheap.

A. H. BOGARDUS, of Elkhart, is, once again, the champion wing shot, having defeated "Tramp" Irwin, of Peoria, in a match at Springfield.

WINFIELD CARRIKER, of Sullivan, fell on a buzz saw in motion and was so badly cut that he died in two days.

A NEW addition has been made to the town of Pontiac and several residences will be built there next year.

A KENTUCKY MIRACLE.

JUDGE JOHN M. RICE TELLS HOW HE WAS CURED OF SCIATICA.

Circuit Judge, Congressman and Assemblyman.

(*From the Covington, Ky., Post.*)

The Hon. John M. Rice, of Louisa, Lawrence County, Kentucky, has for the past two years retired from active life as Criminal and Circuit Judge of the sixteenth Judicial District of Kentucky.

He has for many years served his native county and state in the legislature at Frankfort and at Washington, and, until his retirement was a noted figure in political and Judicial circles. The Judge is well-known throughout the state and possesses the best qualities which go to make a Kentucky gentleman honored wherever he is known.

A few days ago a Kentucky *Post* reporter called upon Judge Rice, who in the following words related the history of the causes that led to his retirement. "It is just about six years since I had an attack of rheumatism; slight at first, but soon developing into Sciatic rheumatism, which began first with acute shooting pains in the hips, gradually extending downward to my feet.

"My condition became so bad that I eventually lost all power of my legs, and then the liver, kidneys and bladder and in fact, my whole system, became deranged.

"In 1888, attended by my son John, I went to Hot Springs, Ark., but was not much benefited by some months stay there. My liver was actually dead, and a dull persistent pain in its region kept me on the rack all the time. In 1890 I was reappointed Circuit Judge, but it was impossible for me to give attention to my duties. In 1891 I went to the Silurian Springs, Waukesha, Wis. I stayed there some time, but without improvement.

"The muscles of my limbs were now reduced by atrophy to mere strings. Sciatic pains tortured me terribly, but it was the disordered condition of my liver that was I felt gradually wearing my life away. Doctors gave me up completely.

"I lingered on in this condition sustained almost entirely by stimulants until April, 1893. One day John saw an account of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People in the Kentucky *Post*. This was something new, and John prevailed upon me to try them. I remember I was not expected to live for more than three or four days at the time. The effect of the pills, however, was marvelous and I could soon eat heartily, a thing I had not done for years. The liver began almost instantaneously to perform its functions, and has done so ever since. Without doubt the pills saved my life and while I do not crave notoriety I cannot refuse to testify to their worth.

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People contain all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They may be had of all druggists, or direct from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Company, Schenectady, N. Y., for 50c. per box, or six boxes for $2.50.

TWO FULL MOONS,

Should Make It Fine for Sleighing and Skating.

There are two full moons in December this year, one Monday night and one on the 31st. A full moon is supposed to occur once a month, but as a matter of fact it is not so accommodating. The result is a complication of the calendar which gives the mathematical astronomers some figures to keep them busy while they are waiting for a new comet or a double star to be discovered.

An item has been floating around the newspapers stating that it is the first December since the advent of Christ, in which there have been two full moons. The superstitious have been reported to be looking upon this statement with awe, as though it were a foreboding. It is possible that a month should go 1,900 years without two full moons, but no astronomer could be found who would back the statement with figures. So far as December is concerned the statement is incorrect, for in 1876 there were two full moons in the last month of the year, one on the first day of the month and the other on the 29th day. If you do not believe it hunt for a patent medicine calendar for that year and find out.

Letter List.

The following is a list of letters remaining uncalled for at the Decatur, Ill., postoffice December 3, 1895. Please say advertised when called for:

GENTS' LIST.

Backwright, Charles	McDonald, E J
Barnes G. O.	Matthews, John B
Bolles, Andy	Marston, Samuel J
Briggs, Clinton (3)	Muzzy, John
Bryan, W J	Paley, Joe
Campbell, James	Polk, Charles
Chumley, Will L	Rankin, Elbert
Cowgill, Ernest	Reed, W M
Cowgill, E F	Shields, W T
Cadge, W. Marshall	Shultz, Frank
Doris, T M	Smith, Kid
Gharrett, A L	Strong, S W
Hendershot, Geo	Tagsert, Joe
Hollis, James	Ward, WBlls
Husky, Danley	Williams, F C
Jorgensen, Christ	Wolcott, S S
Kinsman, W E	Wooters, J F
Lazarus, J	

LADIES' LIST.

Adams, Mrs B W	Knight, Mrs Henry
Brink, Mary	Moore, Laura
Combs, Nattie	Musser Maude
Gass, Mary	Northridge, Lillie
Gibson, Katie	Robinson, Maggie
Holmes, Mary	Soots, Rosa
Houston, Sarah	Thompson, Cora
Jones, Mrs. Ira A	Turner, Jane

JERRY DONAHUE, P. M.

THE Rantoul Brick and Tile Company have purchased a new machine and will turn out pressed brick next year.

A CAMPAIGN OFFER.

Two One Dollar Papers for One Dollar.

We are upon the eve of the greatest presidential campaign the country has had since 1860, and everybody will want to know all about it and we propose to give you a chance. *Until March 1, 1896*, we offer to every new yearly subscriber to the

Decatur Weekly Republican,

And to every old subscriber, who will pay up arrearages, and $1 for renewal, both

The Decatur Weekly Republican

—AND—

The New York Weekly Tribune

For One Dollar !

This is the best offer ever made to you and we do it because we want to do you good and we have the opportunity to do it. It means 136 columns of reading a week for fifty-two weeks for $1.00.

THE DECATUR WEEKLY REPUBLICAN

s the only Republican paper published in Macon county. It is the best and th ablest weekly paper published in Central Illinois. In it you will find all the home news and no stuff. It discusses all political questions ably and fairly.

THE NEW YORK WEEKLY TRIBUNE

Is the greatest weekly in the world, and is a perfect encyclopedia of information on almost every subject—the farm, the garden, the shop, the market, the world's events.

—REMEMBER—

Two One Dollar Papers for One Dollar

HAMSHER & CALHOUN, Publishers.

WELL, GOOD PEOPLE—We still continue to forge ahead as we bend to the oar, and as long as the goods last we still continue to hand them out at just one-half the regular price, at the old-time favorite stand—largest in the city—the Arcade Building, Decatur. We are actually turning out extra fine Tailor Made Suits to your order, and the nobbiest long Double Breasted Overcoats in the city at just one-half the regular price. Now we are sending out a number of men, one of whom will call at your house in a day or two for the purpose of having all the members of your family inspect this enormous stock of wreckage goods at your own home, not asking you to buy. But when you see through this great stock we are certain you will say then, as we say now, that we can save you 50 cents on every dollar invested. Now remember, we are bound to clean this stuff up in a hurry, and it will be to your interest to not let the wagons pass by your place without inspecting this stock at your own home. So when you are in town be sure to call and see us. We have a very large variety of the very finest Winter Cloaks and Jackets which are all going at just one-half off the regular price.

On the Fifth Floor of the ARCADE BUILDING, Decatur. Take the elevator to our tailoring department, No. 510-511.

Now a word to those who have already purchased: Bring in your goods at once for making for we are getting very busy with the fall trade. All goods delivered at time of sale—no sample order. Business goes with us.

JUST ARRIVED—Fifty cases of extra fine Ladies' Broadcloth and All-Wool Serge Dresses. Be sure and see them before they are all gone.

McROBERTS BROS.,
Managers of Decatur Branch.

510 and 511 Arcade Building, Decatur, Illinois.

Weekly Republican.

Entered at the Postoffice at Decatur, Illinois, as second class mail matter.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 1895.

ELABORATE preparations are being made for the inauguration of governor-elect Bradley December 10. This may be excusable in Kentucky, where they have never had a Republican governor.

THE selection of Hon. Thomas B. Reed as speaker by the unanimous voice of the Republican members of the house of representatives is a compliment of which any American may legitimately feel proud.

EX-GOV. CAMPBELL was interviewed in Chicago and expressed the opinion that the prospects for the Democratic party were good. He probably used the word "prospects" in the sense that the chances for defeat and complete retirement were good.

MRS. VANDERBILT has been sued for the value of a wedding present which was lost in some way among goods sent her for examination. The value of the article is fixed at $500 by the dealer. She evidently has an impression that the shopkeeper, who was trying to accommodate her, is better able to suffer the loss than she is.

EX SPEAKER CRISP has been given the hint. Unless he falls into line with the administration on the money question he cannot be the Democratic leader in the house. If he is made the leader, it will serve to make more thinking Democrats desert the blasted old party. Cheap money and advocates of cheap money must not be tolerated.

LAWRENCE MCGANN, who received the certificate of election in one of the Chicago districts but who it was subsequently discovered was not elected but that his opponent, Hugh R. Belknap, was elected, proposes to publicly state in congress at an early day that he holds a certificate to which he is not entitled, and ask that Mr. Belknap be at once seated without the formality of a contest or investigation by a committee.

SENATOR PEFFER is preparing to make an onslaught against the cost and folly of the congressional funerals. There is good reason why this custom should be either abandoned or modified. Among these reasons may be mentioned the fact that when the funeral of the Democratic party costs nothing there is no good reason why $1,000 or $5,000 of public money should be expended in sending a large congressional committee to bury a single individual.

MR. CARLISLE said: "The circulation of legal tender United States notes and treasury notes has a tendency to drive out of use and out of the country the very coin in which the government is compelled to redeem them; and it has expelled millions of dollars from our borders." There never was a dollar of gold that left this country because of the present currency system. It has gone to pay foreign balances, and it will go just so long as the tariff legislation tends to increase imports and decrease exports.

THE speech of Thomas B. Reed, which has been construed to mean that he is opposed to interfering with the tariff at the present session of congress, has given great encouragement to the free traders, and Wilson, the father of the tariff bill bearing his name, is quoted as saying that the position taken by Mr. Reed is an admission that the Democratic bill is all right and should not be be disturbed. This matter may become more serious in the campaign of 1896 then some people who are intensely interested in the proceedings of the next Republican national convention can foresee. Mr. Reed is a candidate for president and has been seized with that timidity which in some men accompanies such aspirations. He is not to be blamed for this, but his timidity may warp his judgment. The interest of the Republican party is at stake. This interest is greater than that of any man or candidate in the party. The party has never lost anything by being honest with its convictions and being aggressive. It is not the intention of the party to subscribe to the Wilson bill, and it cannot afford to be put in the position where it is open to the charge that it is afraid to attack that monstrosity by legislation. Of course it may be said there is no use in attempting to pass a logical tariff bill so long as Cleveland is president. This may be true. But this may not excuse the Republicans in a failure to show what sort of tariff legislation they favor. The party might have made the same excuse in 1861 when Buchanan was president, but it did not choose to follow such a policy and passed the Morrill tariff bill which was signed by the president elected by the free trade party, and that bill was practically the law until the revision of '83. The party might have made the same excuse when the Mills bill passed the house. The senate was then Republican and Cleveland was president. That body took up the Mills bill and substituted a brand new Republican tariff bill for the Mills bill and went before the country upon it in 1888. The senate did the manly thing and the party commanded the respect of the people. There is great danger in pursuing a different course now, when we consider in this connection the fact that some Republicans have attacked the McKinley bill, in leaving the impression that the party is afraid to attack the Wilson bill, which is not true in any sense and no presidential candidate should be allowed to compromise the party to advance his own chances.

Ballard's Snow Liniment.

There is no pain it will not relieve, no swelling it will not subdue, no wound it will not heal. It will cure frost bites, chilblains and corns. Sold by J. W. Eichinger and C. F. Schilling.

RANTOUL will have electric lights next year.

Republican Candidates.

Cincinnati *Tribune:* Who is to be our next President? That was a question ably discussed in a bundle of letters from prominent political leaders of the country published in *The Sunday Tribune.* More than all others, one letter called for especial attention, and that one was written by Senator Matthew Stanley Quay, Chairman of the State Republican Committee of Pennsylvania.

Senator Quay had been maintaining a golden silence until he spoke through *The Tribune* letter; that is, a discreet silence so far as his personal preference for a Republican candidate for the Presidency is concerned. And the Senator is still discreet when he speaks. He says that McKinley and Reed are the names that unquestionably stand the highest in the favor of the Republicans of Pennsylvania." He adds: "I do not hesitate to say that, personally, I am for Thomas Brackett Reed for the Republican Presidential nomination of 1896. I do not say that he will be nominated. As second choice I am for McKinley or any other available man.

It is significant in more ways than one that Mr. Quay does not mention the name of Harrison, but leaves simply the inference that perhaps the ex-president is classed among "other available men." Then, too, Mr. Quay's compliment to Reed has a string tied to it, for, while he is "personally in favor of Reed," yet he declares "I do not say that he will be nominated." Again, McKinley, his second choice is acknowledged to divide favors equally among the Pennsylvania Republicans.

Taking all these expressions together, coming as they do from an astute politician, it is seen that Senator Quay has not absolutely committed himself to any candidate. He has left many loop-holes through which he can pass before the meeting of the national Convention.

Other letters show the various shades of preference. Senator Dolph, of Oregon, says both "McKinley and Reed are well liked on the Pacific coast." In Iowa it appears that Allison has not captured all the Republican favors, for Senator Wilson says "public sentiment is divided, and it is hard to say just now who is in the lead." So far sentiment is divided in Iowa between McKinley, Reed, Harrison and Allison.

Governor Hastings, of Pennsylvania, says McKinley and Reed are in the lead in the Keystone state.

Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts answers that Republican sentiment in that state is divided between Reed and McKinley, with the former slightly in the lead.

Russell Sage, speaking from the standpoint of a shrewd financier who watches the drift of current events, expresses his belief that the recent elections settle beyond doubt that the next president will be a Republican, and the chief magistrate will be McKinley.

Senator John Sherman briefly and pointedly says that "the recent elections have cleared the political skies and fairly opened a way for the nomination of McKinley."

Looking through this symposium of views, it is seen that McKinley and Reed are in the ascendancy. Then, taking into consideration the fact that there is a strong undercurrent of sentiment calling for a Western man, and it would appear that McKinley will doubtless enter the convention as the leading candidate for the nomination. It looks now as if it will be McKinley against the field.

Whatever the result may be, Governor McKinley is certainly to be praised for the unpretentious manner of his conduct and for the quiet and business-like way in which he is filling the Governor's chair at a time when the warmth of the coming National campaign is even now being felt.

THIS is how the *Globe-Democrat* talks back to a reader who criticised a quotation:

Every newspaper, we presume, has its many "Smart Alecks" on the outside who with a profund scholarship, based chiefly on "Bartlett's Familiar Quotations," scan every line of its contents to find an opportunity to catch editor or correspondent in a misprint, and then to write a letter to the paper for the sole purpose of making the editor feel badly. A gentleman of this class detected the following editorial paragraph in Saturday's *Globe Democrat:*

A few of Cleveland's friends keep chattering about a third term, but there is no response from the country. To put it poetically:

"The shallows murmur, but the deeps are dumb."

Our Smart Aleck in this case consulted his Bartlett and found that we were misquoting Sir Walter Raleigh's "Silent Lover," which says:

Passions are likened best to floods and streams;
The shallow murmur, but the deep are dumb.

As quoted by the *Globe-Democrat*, the line was used by the late Roscoe Conkling, in his memorable speech nominating General Grant in 1880:

The shallows murmur, but the deeps are dumb.

That single sentence stands out to-day in the memory of every man and woman of the immense audience that heard it in the resonant tones of Mr. Conkling. It is quite as expressive and much more poetical than the original. We know of no instance in poetry in which so great an improvement is made by so trifling a change adding an "s" to each of two adjectives and making them plural nouns. This simple change makes the first line superfluous and gives a much clearer meaning to the second line than is conveyed in both lines as written by Raleigh.

A Sound Liver makes a Well Man.

Are you Bilious, Constipated, or troubled with Jaundice, Sick Headache, Bad Taste in Mouth, Foul Breath, Coated Tongue, Dyspepsia, Indigestion, Hot Dry Skin, Pain in Back and between the Shoulders, Chills and Fever, &c? If you have any of these symptoms, your Liver is out of order and your blood is slowly being poisoned, because your Liver does not act properly. HERBINE will cure any disorder of the Liver, Stomach or Bowels. It has no equal as a Liver Medicine. Price 75 cents. Free trial bottles at J. W. Eichinger's and C. F. Shilling's.

IT is a truth in medicine that the smallest dose that performs a cure is the best. DeWitt's Little Early Risers are the smallest pills, will perform a cure, and are the best. West's drug store.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

Transmitted to Congress at Noon To-Day.

Deals With Our Foreign Relations, National Finances, and Cautions Against Free Coinage.

[Special to the REPUBLICAN.]

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 3.—The President's annual message, which is a long document, was transmitted to both branches of Congress at noon to-day. It deals principally with our foreign relations and National finances. Under the head of foreign relations the message takes up and gives a resume of the settlement of the boundary dispute between Brazil and the Argentine Republic; the Missionary massacre in China; the Waller case; the Venezuela question; the uprising in Hawaii; the British occupation of Corinto; the Cuban revolution and Armenian massacres.

President Cleveland.

The document recommends retaliation against Germany and other countries that have crippled our trade relations by their embargo on American products; the payment of $425,000 in settlement of British Behring sea claims; the appointment of an international commission to fix our Alaskan boundary, disputed by England; a joint commission to fix boundary lines on narrow waters of the great lakes for the protection of American fishermen; legislation against the padrone system of alien labor; legislation that will relieve us of our part in the Samoan protectorate; the placing of the consular service on a practical civil service basis; the furnishing of permanent and official residences for our ministers abroad, and insists upon neutrality in the Cuban revolution and the enforcement of strict international rules usual in such cases, which means that the government shall continue to do police duty for Spain.

On the subject of finance the president views monetary legislation since the civil war, criticising the national greenback laws and the retaining of them in circulation; gives a history of the gold reserve and its fluctuations, and ascribes the payment of gold for silver purchased under the Sherman law as one of the chief causes for depletion of the gold reserve. He gives a history of the bond issues under the present administration and the necessity for them, and holds silver responsible for the recent monetary panic and cautions strongly against the free coinage of silver.

[The REPUBLICAN will publish message in full to-morrow.—ED.]

TO REPENT AT HER LEISURE

For an Ill-Advised Elopement and Marriage.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 1.—Charles C. Cary, a general merchant of Pinckney, Mich., and prominent in Christian Endeavor circles throughout the state, who eloped with Miss Ette Rice, president of the Michigan Christian Endeavor union, leaving his creditors in the lurch, is living at Inverness, Scotland, under his true name, which is Saunders. Mrs. Rice-Saunders has returned to the home of her parents here and will not return to Scotland.

ANOTHER HORRIBLE BUTCHERY

The Entire Armenian Population of Baiburt Massacred by Kurds.

VIENNA, Dec. 1.—The Politische Correspondenz has received information to the effect that the entire Armenian population of Baiburt, sixty-five miles northwest of Erzeroum and Kurahissar, and about fifty miles south of Diabekir, have been massacred by Lazes Kurds. The Turkish population of Tamseara joined the Kurds in massacreing the Armenians of that place, killing men, women and children.

A Friend's Advice.

MONTAGUE, Mich., Nov. 13, 1893.

William Windecknecht, a wealthy farmer of Muskegon county, personally appeared before me, a Notary Public, this day, and deposes and says: "That for the past year or so he was affected with Weakness, Trembling, Heart Failure, Extreme Nervousness, Headache and General Debility; that he has consulted with physicians and received no benefit. He was persuaded by a friend to try a sample bottle of Dr. Wheeler's Nerve Vitalizer, and he says that the Trembling and Nervous feeling was immediately stopped by its use. Afterwards he used two bottles of the same medicine and says he is entirely cured and free from that Trembling sensation; his heart gives him no trouble and he sleeps well. He further says that his general health is much better, and that he is calling the attention of his neighbors and friends to the remarkable value of Dr. Wheeler's Nerve Vitalizer. Signed,

W. WINDECKNECHT.

Sworn to and subscribed before me, a Notary Public for Muskegon county, state of Michigan. JAS. MORRISON.

For sale by J. W. Eichinger, Druggist.

GREAT EXCITEMENT

And a Determination to Protect Their Homes,

PREVAIL AT STEWART'S CREEK, TENN.

Caused by Another Felonious Assault Upon a Little White Girl by Two Negroes—A War of Extermination Threatened.

FAYETTSVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 3.—News reached here yesterday that another felonious assault had been committed on Stewart's creek, in the southerly portion of this county. The 14-year-old daughter of William Walker started by way of the public highway to her grandfather's, about one mile distant. When about half way to her destination, and in a somewhat secluded spot, she was assaulted by two burley negroes, one being armed with a gun and the other with a big stick, with which he felled the poor girl to the earth, rendering her unconscious, and then accomplished their terrible purpose.

The little girl was found by some passers-by, who gave the alarm, which spread like wildfire, and in a short time a large posse of citizens and officers, with bloodhounds, began scouring the country in quest of the fiends. It is safe to predict that if apprehended they will swiftly follow the route taken by Robertson and McGaha.

Dr. Stewart was called in to attend the young lady, and on examination he discovered that she had three ribs broken, and was otherwise terribly torn and lacerated. She says she can identify the negroes if brought before her, which makes it a certainty that Judge Lynch will have some more work on hand when she points them out.

The whole country is armed to the teeth. Crowds of negroes are reported to be assembling at different points, and the people are greatly stirred up over the situation. The opinion is freely expressed on the streets that if this thing continues there will be a war of extermination.

There is not a house in this city but is locked and barred and armed as if each was a fort or an arsenal. The people are aroused as they were never before, and every one is determined to protect his own household at any cost.

WARD IN CUSTODY

And on His Way Back to Answer for His Alleged Crimes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—A. K. Ward, the alleged embezzler from Memphis, Tenn., was arrested on board a steamer at Livingstone, Guatemala, by the chief of the Memphis police force, who had been on his track for some time. This information came to the state department yesterday in an official telegram, which also contained the statement that Ward was now on his way to New Orleans in custody.

There is no extradition treaty between the United States and Guatemala, and it is presumed that the Guatemalan government consented to the surrender of Ward as a matter of international comity.

It was recently reported to the state department that Ward had been captured at Puerto Cortez, Honduras, and, in the absence of an extradition agreement, the government of Honduras did as Guatemala is supposed to have done. It was learned subsequently, however, that Ward had managed to get out of Honduras, and his whereabouts were unknown until the telegram containing the news of his arrest was received. A warrant authorizing the Memphis chief of police to bring Ward to the United States was recently sent that official by President Cleveland.

A SENSATIONAL SUICIDE.

A Defaulter and Would-be Bigamist Shoots Himself in the Arms of His Love.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 3.—Charles Wheeler, the defaulting cashier of the Cincinnati Abattoir Co., who disappeared from here, committed suicide yesterday at Erlanger, Ky., under sensational circumstances. While in Erlanger he met and made love to a lovely young girl, Miss Anna Fisher by name, and became secretly engaged to her. Afterward it was discovered that he was a defaulter and had a wife living in Cincinnati. Wheeler then disappeared.

Sunday he returned to Erlanger, and yesterday Detective White, from Cincinnati, went there for him and located Wheeler in the home of Miss Fisher. At the sight of the detective Wheeler drew a revolver and attempted to shoot himself, when Miss Fisher threw her arms around his neck and prevented him firing for a time, but after a short struggle he succeeded in getting the weapon to his head and fired, falling, with the girl still clinging to him. He expired instantly. Wheeler comes of aristocratic family and was a thorough scholar, having been educated for the priesthood.

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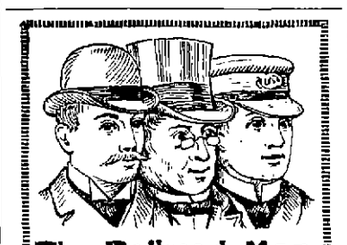

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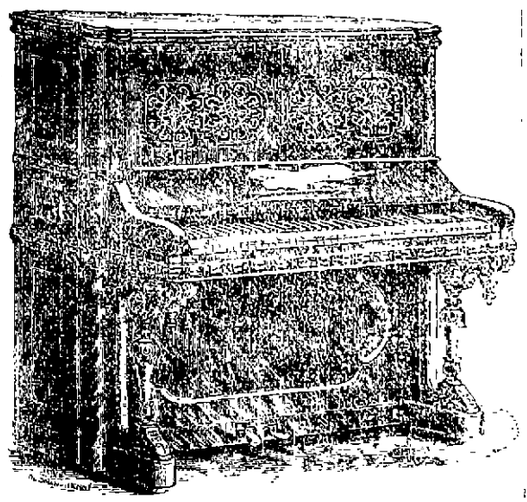

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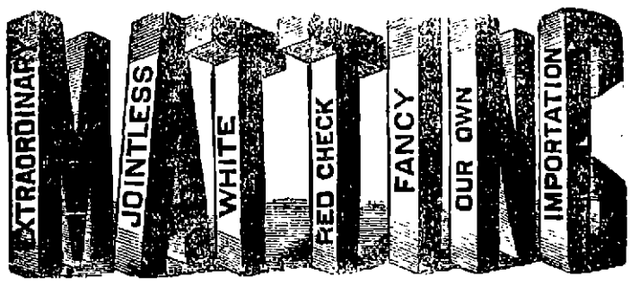

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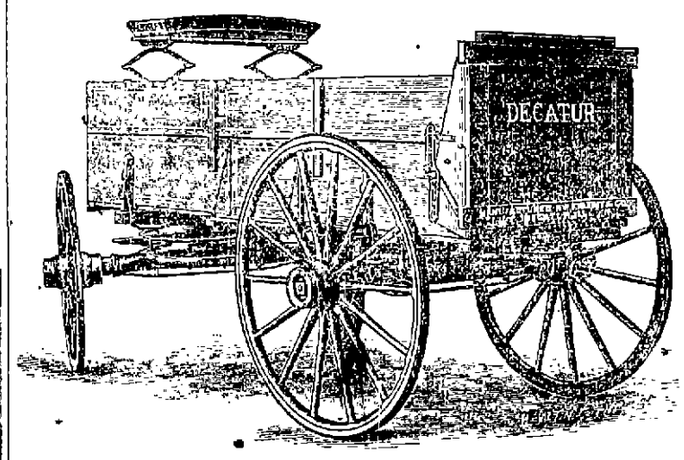

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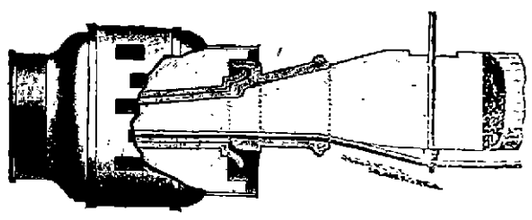

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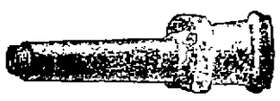

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[illegible] Mo Nov 7 When [illegible] of the Hamilton Brown Shoe Co of St Louis struck some months ago the strikers led by [illegible] Saxes undertook to picket the building and by intimidating threats and intimidation induced the employes to join them and visited their houses at night and renewed the threats the company applied to Judge Valliant, of the St Louis circuit court for an injunction restraining the strikers from interfering with the employes [illegible] The court decreed that if any of the defendants committed that was a criminal contempt entitling them to a trial by jury and that the court of equity [illegible] from exercising its jurisdiction [illegible] court

With the [illegible] circumstance of the case [illegible] the court has no jurisdiction [illegible] and proceedings yet [illegible] property from injury [illegible] the scope of authority [illegible] defining the rights of employers and employes

The opinion [illegible] that the case does not [illegible] defendants in doing many things that they claim they have a right to do They may picket men and persuade them not to quit the employ of plaintiff whenever they see fit to do so [illegible] employes [illegible] and [illegible] but in justice it is no business but their own And [illegible] right to use fair persuasion to induce others to join them in quitting But when fair persuasion is exhausted they have no right to resort to force or violence They may exercise their freedom and their right but it will not permit them to affect the freedom and rights of others The same law which guarantees the defendants their right to quit the employment of the plaintiffs at their will and pleasure also guarantees the other employes to remain at their own will and pleasure The defendants are their own masters but they are not the masters of the other employes and not only are they not their masters but they are not even their guardians

A BLOODY FIGHT

In Front of a Kentucky Church One Killed and Three Fatally Wounded

Louisville Ky Nov 7 —A sensational and bloody encounter took place at a church near Manchester in Clay county Sunday resulting in the death of [illegible] from wounds received at the hands of [illegible] with two others were slightly hurt The trouble was the outgrowth of a long feud

As stated in the mountains all came to church armed John Coles his two sons and John Hellard were on one side and Thomas Jackson Webb and [illegible] were on the other Disregarding a [illegible] to keep the peace in front of the church A fusillade of shots were exchanged Thomas Coles received a pistol wound [illegible] two sons and Robert Hellard were fatally hurt and John Webb [illegible] Deputy Sheriff Moore who tried to stop the fight received a scalp wound

SEVENTY-ONE PERSONS KILLED

By an Explosion Outside the Walls of Tolmo Spain

Barcelona Nov 7 A terrible accident occurred Monday at Tolmo 60 miles [illegible] Light [illegible] in emptying [illegible] the well of the town [illegible] explode in [illegible] manner There was a [illegible] underlying [illegible] which was [illegible] the [illegible] A [illegible] explosion followed which [illegible] unsoundness [illegible] and did [illegible] houses A very [illegible] number of people were killed Thirty seven men and female women were instantly killed thirty [illegible] were [illegible] and five were seriously injured [illegible] of the wounded [illegible] since died

PRIEST VS BISHOP.

The Law and the People Support the Priest

[illegible] Nov 7 The dispute [illegible] decided the [illegible] the possessor of [illegible] that this place [illegible] Father Murphy the priest [illegible] Murphy was insubordinate [illegible] and the bishop [illegible] proceedings [illegible] control of the church [illegible] decision of the court is [illegible] the lawful right [illegible] the bishop [illegible] for the law suits and the priests services have been attended by twice as many [illegible] of the bishop

A Girl Murderer at Eighteen

Vevay Ind Nov 7 Lloyd Montgomery who is in jail here for the murder of his father and mother and Daniel McKercher near Townsville, has made a confession that he killed them He is only 18 years old He says he killed his father because he scolded him and murdered his mother and McKercher because they took his father's part

A Brakeman Cut to Pieces

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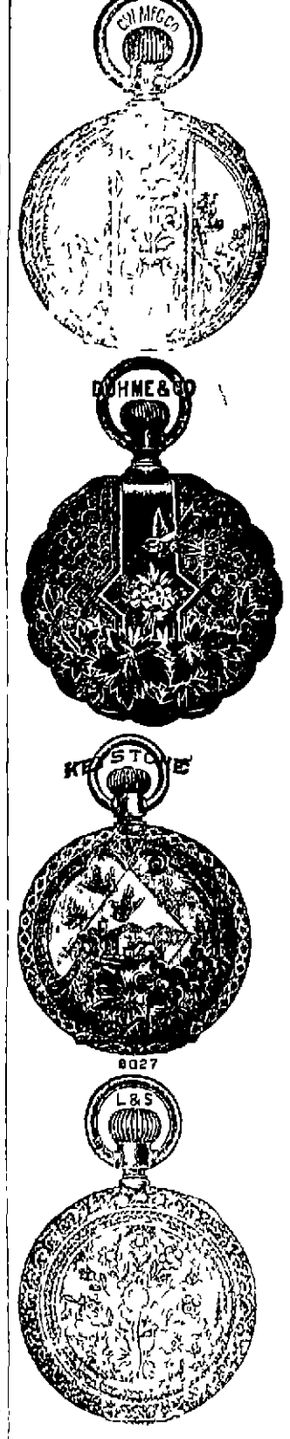

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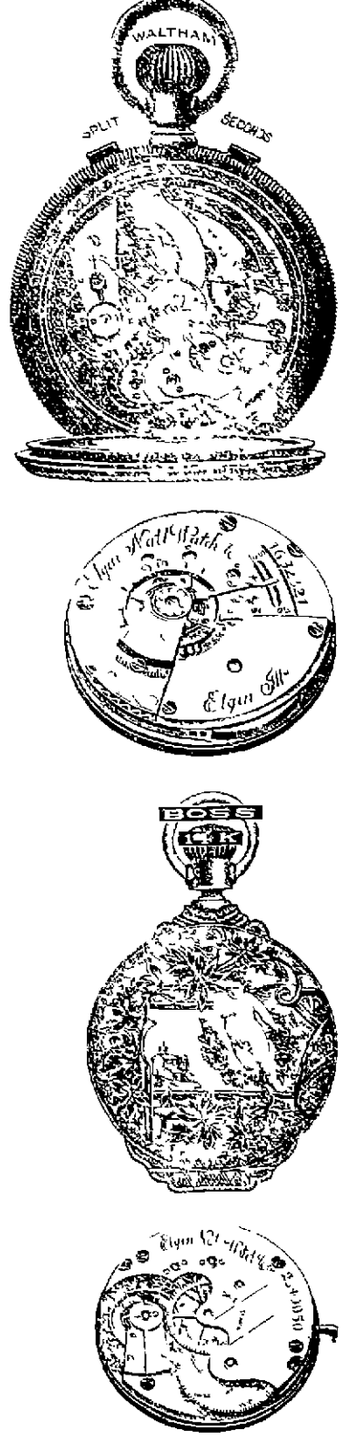

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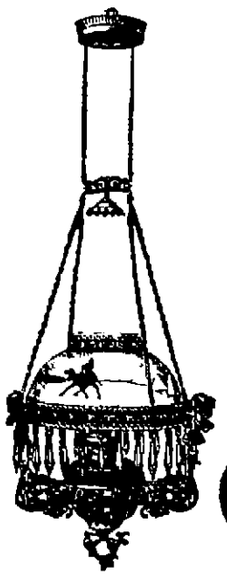

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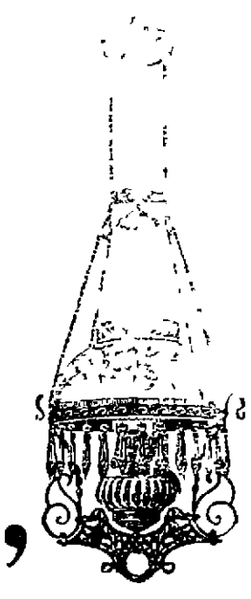

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LO, THE POOR RABBIT.

This is His Season of Their Discontent and Trouble Awaits Him

Rabbits are sorrowfully in it. Like porcupine says an exchange this is the November of their discontent, and from now until the law shall put up its bars again, there will be time of shot thrown at the little cotton tails from the smoking muzzles of murderous shotguns. A great many people are not in love with the rabbit as an article of food, or cause of their being built too much on the cat plan. The point is pretty well taken, but where is the missing link between the frisky little animal and the feline songster that gives back shed serenades season without end? In potpie form the rabbit is at his best but before it is covered with its crusted overcoat the carcass looks all the world like that of a cat so that when the gravy is served there is a disposition to say, "No, thanks; not any." The only thing in favor of the creature is its low price, costing only ten cents apiece, and one affords food enough for a family of six.

Narrow Escape

The Mt Pulaski News relates the following hair raising episode. A party appearing in the family sitting room at Harry Buckles Sabbath afternoon last, led the hired man to rush up stairs for a shot gun. Returning with the gun he was warned by Mr Buckles to be careful as it might be loaded. But no, it was not and the man knew it was not and he proceeded to show them it was not while the amusement performance was repeated. A discharged gun tore a hole through the partition and narrowly missed Mrs Buckles. Escaping without actual harm made them all thankful even though frightened into deathlike pallor.

One of the New Laws

A law passed at the last session of the Illinois legislature makes a change in the way of choosing candidates for the office of highway commissioner. The law provides that the township shall be divided into three districts to be known as road commissioners districts numbers one two and three and that each district shall have a representative on the board of highway commissioners who is a resident of said district. The township must be so divided within ten days after the next annual town meeting. It is the duty of the highway commissioners, together with the supervisor and town clerk to make such a division.

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The people of Hoopeston subscribed $200 to assist Mr Shriver, of that place, rebuild his greenhouse that was destroyed by fire.

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A big athletic club is being organized at Lincoln, to be composed of the best young men in the town.

FLAME AND DEATH

Work Havoc at Another Great Fire in Chicago.

FOUR FIREMEN AND ONE GIRL KILLED

A Dozen Other Men, Women and Children Hurt—Forty-Seven Firms Burned Out, with a Loss of Nearly Half a Million.

CHICAGO Nov 22.—A fire disastrous to life and property swept through the dry goods and woolen exchange this morning. Five firemen, while in the active discharge of their duty under orders and totally unconscious of danger were carried through a floor and buried under tons of wreckage from the five floors above. Four of the men lie dead, but the fifth was not seriously injured. One girl fell from a window, and received injuries from which she died. A dozen other men, women and girls were hurt or overcome by smoke and many were rescued from imminent death. The property loss to the building at 21, 217 Van Buren street and 276 278 Franklin street and contents is estimated at $400 000.

The dead are

Patrick J O'Donnell, lieutenant of engine company No 2 2840 Wallace

Thomas J Prendergast pipeman, 3023 Butler street

Martin Sherlock 2838 Lowe avenue, pipeman

John Downs, pipeman 2858 Wallace street

Kate Landgraff 802 North Halsted street, employed in A Stein & Co's garter factory

All the dead and injured firemen were members of Engine company No 2. Their captain Lewis Heney escaped the awful plunge to death only by hanging to the wall of the window on the second floor until released from his perilous position by firemen on a ladder.

The owners of the burned building are Kuh Nathan & Fischer the clothing firm whose factory and warehouse is at Van Buren and Franklin streets, opposite the scene of death and destruction.

Forty seven firms were burned out in the L shaped building, which was one of the most fireproof and ornamental in the wholesale business district.

The loss on the building is $100,000 amply covered by insurance. The aggregate loss of the many tenants is placed at $500,000, the heaviest individual losers being Stein and Biers, $75 000.

This fire started at 9 15 o'clock on the fourth floor of the seven-story building, in the garter factory of Stein & Co, where many girls were at work. They ran screaming and half fainting from fright to the windows on the Van Buren street side of the building.

The frantic girls were determined in the half crazed mental condition to hurl themselves to the stone flagging but were partly restrained by the shouts of the citizens on the street and the quick work of the firemen. One extension ladder was run up and a fireman mounted it but when his feet touched the rungs of the second section either his weight or some defect in the ladder caused it to slip back to its original position, bringing its top four or five feet below the sill of the fourth story window where a large number of girls had gathered. Either crowded from behind or frenzied by fear Nellie Turner Kittie Landgraf and Harry O'Neill made a wild attempt to lower themselves so that they could touch the top rung of the ladder. In doing this the foolhardy ones slipped and fell headlong to the pavement.

Capt Hermanson tried to grasp the dress of Kittie Landgraf as her body flew past him, but he failed, and she struck the sidewalk.

A few seconds elapsed, and the same spot where Miss Landgraf's body had struck was covered with the unconscious form of Nellie Turner, who had taken the terrible plunge in an effort to save herself. She was saved from death however, by being momentarily held by three firemen in her descent, thus breaking the force of her fall.

Three other girls who had more presence of mind succeeded in reaching the ladder by dropping from the window sill.

The flames had now taken possession of the four upper stories of the building and at a window stood Olga Keller and Harry O'Neill, hemmed in on three sides by flames and smoke. The frightened girl stood on the narrow window ledge holding to the sash with one hand almost suffocated by smoke and had braced herself as if to take the leap as a last hope.

Don't jump, climb down to me, shouted Capt Hermanson from his perch on the upper part of the ladder, but the girl frantic from terror did not hear his voice. She was seen to drop and fortunately her body came within reaching distance of the captain. He seized one of her ankles as her body turned in the air. Before he was forced to loosen his hold or be carried down himself two firemen below him seized the girl and carried her down the ladder amid the plaudits of thousands who were witnessing every move in the tragic scene.

O'Neill who was still at the window and engaged in the brave task of helping all the imprisoned girls to escape to the best of his ability, was the last one to be rescued. When he tried to crawl from the window to the ladder he slipped and fell but his fall was broken by the grasping hands of firemen on the ladder and he fell into a net which had just been placed in position. A broken arm and leg constituted his injuries.

Ernest Stein, of Stein & Co, said there was plenty of time for all his employes to reach the street by the stairways and elevators. The janitor of the building spoke to the thirty girls employed in the rooms of Stein & Biers telling them to accompany him down the main stairway, and many did so. Those who rushed to the window fared badly.

The janitor thinks the fire was incendiary, while other occupants of the buildings say the fire originated in a little room on the third floor used in the making of papier mache forms. No arrests have been made in connection with the fire.

Shortly after 1 o'clock came the second tragedy of the fire. The flames had been practically extinguished and the firemen of Engine company No, 2 were ordered to the fourth floor in the rear to put out any incipent blaze that might be found, much of the contents in that part of the building only being water soaked. No one of the veteran firemen from Chief Swenie down, imagined there was any danger from falling floors. The unfortunate men had taken their hose from the fourth to the second floor, and no fire being found Capt Fiene went to the window on the north and was in the act of shouting to Peter Hart, the driver of the company to shut off the water when the fatal crash came.

From the top floor came an avalanche of tons of timber fire proof tiling merchandise safes radiators, fixtures from the different offices and a mass of other stuff on the floors and on all sides of the firemen who put duty before fear for safety. An immense hole was made in the rear end of the second floor from the roof down great masses of debris hanging on the edges of the opening. A cry of horror arose from civilians, and firemen mingled with the artillery-like roar of the collapse.

Capt Fiene clung to the window sill until rescued and then bravely joined the small band of rescuers whom Chief Swenie sent to the debris. Only one faint voice was heard, that of McNally. All the others had probably been killed instantly. After half an hour's work the men who were in danger every minute of more flooring falling on them extracted McNally, and the others being given up for dead streams of water were poured on the ruins from all parts on account of fire breaking out and to save the bodies from being burned. All the dead firemen were married and leave large families. The work of recovering the bodies was continued throughout the night.

COL. WARNER CAUGHT.

He Gave An Honest Tramp a Square Meal

A tramp called at Col John Warner's house yesterday whose acts were not those of the ordinary knight of the road. He was leaving the house without a very exalted opinion of the Colonel's hospitality, when he met Clinton's prosperous banker. Addressing Col Warner, he said: "There is a pocket book on the walk, can I have it?" Thinking the man was trying to deceive him, the Colonel was about to say "Yes," but something induced him to investigate when he found that Mrs Warner had accidentally lost her pocketbook, containing a good sum of money. This was such a departure from what was reasonable to suppose that the doctor took his trampship into the diningroom of his palatial home and gave him carte blanche to a heavily laden larder. The honest man fared royally.—*Clinton Public.*

DIOCESAN SYNOD.

Episcopalian Ministers will Meet December 3d Next

The annual synod of the diocese of Springfield of the Protestant Episcopal church will meet in St Paul's pro cathedral at 10 o'clock a m Tuesday December 3d next at Springfield. Bishop Seymour will preside, assisted by Bishop Hale, and the synod will consider the usual routine business, nothing out of the usual order of the work of the diocese coming up as far as is known now. The ministers attending the synod will be tendered the usual dinner at the Orphanage of the Holy Child after the celebration of the holy eucharist at the first service. It is expected that the churches of the diocese will be able to make a good showing this year. The diocese is said to be in a good condition comparatively, and the work now being accomplished is much more satisfactory than has been done for many years past.

Died Close to Her Husband's Grave

HILLSBORO ILL Nov 21.—The coroner's inquest over the body of the woman found yesterday in the Catholic cemetery at Raymond this county developed the fact that her name was Mrs Pauline Muschigen, about 60 years old, and she was the mother in law of Herman Poggenpohl, a wealthy farmer who lives four miles north of Raymond. She disappeared from Mattoon about three weeks ago and nothing was heard of her until her body was found. When found she was well dressed and had $27 in her pocket. She was living within ten feet of the grave of her husband. No marks of violence were found on her, and the coroner's jury pronounced the cause of death unknown. She is supposed to have been dead about ten days.

Telephone Enterprise

Phœnix Telephone company will in 10 days have a line in operation from Savoy to Paxton Gen Manager Waterbury, who returned from Paxton yesterday, carried a bulky package containing a contract drawn up between the Paxton people and Phœnix Telephone company. The company is at work trying to connect up Vermilion county with its Danville exchange, and with the Twin Cities and points in Champaign county, north. They will when all completed, have 150 miles of line extending from Danville to Decatur. They are now at work putting in the switchboard in the Urbana exchange. The work has been delayed somewhat on account of sickness among the officials.—*Champaign Gazette.*

Death Watch Placed Over Harris

FREEPORT ILL November, 20.—The death watch was placed over Frank W Harris to night who will be executed on the 29th for the murder of Charles Bengel. It was said early this morning that the Supreme Court had decided against the application for supersedeas, a fact that was not appreciated by Harris who has been hopeful that he might be spared. This afternoon another dispatch was received saying the papers had been withdrawn. However, the prisoner has given up hope and the sheriff has made arrangements for the erection of the gallows in the jail yard.

E T MUDGE, of Homer, was married at Elyria, O, on the 19th to Miss Phœbe Harkleroad.

ELECTED GRAND MASTER.

Illinois Odd Fellows Choose Officers—Rebekahs Honor Mrs Griebel.

SPRINGFIELD ILL Nov 20.—At to day's session of the Grand Lodge, I O O F the reports of the grand master grand secretary, grand treasurer and grand representatives were read and adopted. The statistics show the order to be in a prosperous condition. Nominations for officers were made and the usual contest occurred over the grand wardenship 13 candidates appearing. The following officers were elected by acclamation:

Grand Master, Charles I Mansfield, of Mansfield, Deputy Grand Master G C Rankin, of Monmouth, Grand Secretary James R Miller Springfield Grand Treasurer Thomas B Needles Nashville, Grand Representative E S Conway Chicago.

After several ballots had been taken for grand warden, with Judge Cicero J Lindley J Wesley Wheatley and Mr Barry in the lead the grand lodge adjourned to attend the governor's reception.

At the night session, after many ballots Judge Lindley, of Greenville was elected grand warden.

Just before the Daughters of Rebekah closed their session last evening, Mrs Mathilde Griebel of Peoria, was presented with a costly silver and gold water service of three pieces by Sophia Louge and Johanna Rebekah Lodge of Chicago. Mrs Griebel was the first president of the Rebekah order in Illinois, and is now other than instructor of all German lodges.

The department council of the Patriarchs Militant met to night and transacted considerable business. The vacancy in the office of vice president was filled by the election of Major C M Lytle, of Decatur. It was decided that the president of the council should act as treasurer. General Crocker the department commander is ex officio president and Adjutant Thomas is ex officio secretary.

SPRINGFIELD ILL, Nov 21.—The Illinois Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows finished work to day. The Grand Master made the following appointments: Grand Marshal, Major C M Lytle, Decatur, Grand Guardian, J W Wheatley Duquoin. Grand Conductor, Robert Stripp, Chicago, Grand Herald, R H Pepper Seaton Grand Chaplain, the Rev W I Beadles, Gibson City, W R Humphrey, of Chicago, director of the Odd Fellows' Orphans Home at Lincoln for five years, and ex Grand Master Henry Phillips, of Virginia, member of the Judiciary and Appeals committee for five years.

The committee to revise the code will be appointed by Grand Master Mansfield in a few weeks. The grand lodge then adjourned to meet here in November, 1896.

The Daughters of Rebekah adjourned this afternoon. President Harris appointed the following committees: Finance, Mrs. M M Pierson Chicago, Miss Fannie Moorehead Cairo, Mrs Carrie Skeggs, Harrisburg. Executive Mrs Eva B Withey, Springfield Mrs E D Richley, Olney, Mrs Ida B Huddle, Bloomington Mrs Cynthia Wagner, Chicago.

The Illinois Veteran Odd Fellows Association held its annual meeting this afternoon, and re elected Noah Davis, of Springfield, president and Col J D Roper Springfield secretary treasurer.

To night at the state house the degree of Chivalry was conferred upon L A Dow Chicago, Maj W W Griffin Joliet Capt Sven Windrow Chicago, and John Mohn Chicago.

Lincoln at 35 to 40

By permission of the McClure *Magazine* company the REPUBLICAN is permitted to give place to the above picture of Abraham Lincoln, which is a copy of a picture taken when the great emancipator was 35 to 40 years of age. The original is in possession of Hon R T Lincoln and has been carefully guarded for years.

In Season

Farewell to all the violets
At home and round about
The winter winds are whistling
And the
Cold
Frigs
Out

Farewell to rosy poesies
They are gone I know not not
And enter songs of sleighing
For the
Cold
Frigs
Out

We feel the timbers shiver
We hear the housemaid shout
The children need more kiver
An the
Coal's
All
Out

—Joliet Republican

FLECKER & SONS lumber yard office at Dwight was smashed by an Alton freight car which left a side track.

JOHN P ROBERTS will return to Delavan from Mississippi and open a meat market.

CHARLES BOWLES, of McLeland City, has bought 1,700 acres in Tennessee for $8,000.

A Miracle in Vermont.

THE WONDERFUL EXPERIENCE OF A WELL-KNOWN CHELSEA MAN

Stricken with an Incurable Disease and yet Cured

(*From the Orange County Paper of Vermont.*)

Eight years ago Geo Hutchinson moved from Bradford to Chelsea Vt and bought the sawmill at the latter place. He was known as one of the best men in that section. On Dec 10 2 while at work in the mill, he was struck in the back by a flying board which seriously injured him and incapacitated him for work of any kind. As a result of the injury a serious (this is a form of partial paralysis which deprives the patient of all use of the lower limbs) the Orange County Paper interviewed Mr Hutchinson to day and his story is here given in his own words.

My legs began to grow numb and to be of little use. By the 10th of April I could do absolutely nothing and was barely able to stand. My physicians advised me to go to the Mary Hitchcock Hospital at Hanover, to be treated and I took their advice. When I left home my friends bid me good bye, never expecting to see me alive again. The physicians at the hospital told me that my case was a serious one and I was completely discouraged. I remained in the hospital seven weeks and took the medicines which the doctors gave me. I left there at the hospital and thought that I was recovering and went home to continue their treatment which I did for two months and also had an electric battery and other advice. There improvement however ended at once and I began to give up hope. In August 1893 I could not get out of my chair without assistance and if I got down upon the floor I could not get up alone. About this time I chanced to read an account of the wonderful curative powers of Dr Williams Pink Pills for Pale People in a newspaper and I did not have any faith in them but thought a trial could do no harm so I bought some without telling anyone what I was going to do. After I had been taking them some time I found that for the first time in months I was able to walk down to the post office and my neighbors began to notice the rapid improvement in my health. As I continued the use of the pills I improved and soon recommenced work in the mill at first very lightly and increasing as I was able and I gained in health and spirits and now with the past three months I have been able to work ten hours per day almost. Yesterday is a fair sample. I feel well out well and strong as I ever did and I have no pain in my other.

The reporter talked with several of the gentlemen in regard to the case of Mr Hutchinson who stated that any statement he might make would be entirely in accordance with the facts.

Dr Williams Pink Pills contain in a condensed form all the elements necessary to give new life and richness to the blood and restore shattered nerves. They are for sale by all druggists or may be had by mail from Dr Williams Medicine Company Schenectady N Y, for 50c per box or six boxes for $2 50.

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8 and 10c Handkerchiefs at 5c
12 and 15c Handkerchiefs at 8c
15 to 25c Handkerchiefs at 10c
Children's Wool Mits at 10 15 and 18c
Ladies Wool Mits at 15, 23 and 28c
Children's Natural Wool Vests 19c up
Children's Natural Wool Drawers 19c
Ladies Natural Wool Vests worth 50c at 33c
Ladies Natural Wool Drawers worth 50c at 39c
Ladies Wool Hose 15 20, 23 and 25c
Children's Wool Hose 15c up
Men's Fine Wool Hose 23 25 and 28c
Men's Heavy Wool Hose 25 28 and 30c
Purses 10 15 20 and 25c
Pocket Books 20, 25 and 33c
Side Combs worth 15 10c pair
Side Combs worth 10c, 5c pair

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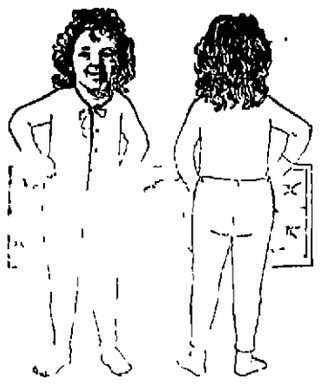

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LOCAL NEWS.

GEO MILLER and W L Whitley confessed judgement to day for $49 80 in favor of E C Rockwood

GEORGE BEZER a prominent farmer in Whitmore township, reports that the recent rains have brightened up the wheat very much

LATELY Wesley W Shelley and Mrs Ella Vest daughter of Josephus Vest were married in St Louis They have gone to housekeeping in Decatur

LORIEN MILLER, on last Wednesday, shucked 165 bushels of corn in nine hours on the C L Jacobs farm near Harristown

IN the county court yesterday Noah Lobo, Samuel Leonard and Murillo Glaslow were appointed to appraise the estate of the late Jacob Warburton

THE offer of a chair in a medical college at Washington, D C, has been made to Dr William Barnes, of this city He is now in Washington Possibly he will accept the offer

THE Sunday school normal institute will take place on Friday and Saturday, December 13 and 14 Two male workers, G W Miller and W C Pearce will be here both days The program will be prepared in a short time

YESTERDAY Will Housum received from the State Board of Pharmacy a certificate making him a registered assistant pharmacist He took the examination last Tuesday in Chicago and passed it successfully

THE famous press of Editor Lovejoy which was thrown into the river on the night he was killed Nov 7 1847, has been found at Alton by a local newspaper man It lies under an immense heap of cinders back of where Lovejoy was shot and in what was once the bed of the Mississippi

Wesley W Shelley student of J M Graves (the John Fitzgerald of Mills Bros' office), G A Harpstrite, of D S McDonald's office, P E Bunn, of Bunn & Parks office, and W B Tyler of Lefforgee & Lees office, successfully passed the examination for admission to the bar at Springfield yesterday All made a fine record

THROUGH his attorney, E S McDonald in the circuit court yesterday Nathaniel M Pickes filed a petition asking for a divorce from his wife, Melissa A Pickes He says that on March 21, he married Melissa A Cruse and was always a kind and indulgent husband, but that she deserted him on August 13 1895 He declares that there was no occasion for this action on her part and as she has remained away for six years, he wants to be legally separated from her He makes affidavit that the present whereabouts of the woman are unknown to him

THE OTTENHEIMER ANNEX.

Store One of the Handsomest in the City

Frequent reference has been made lately in these columns to the enlargement of the popular clothing store of Ottenheimer & Co in the Masonic Temple Block The addition of the spacious and splendidly lighted annex at the east end has been completed and it has been elegantly furnished and filled with a complete and varied stock of youths and boys clothing The annex is 20x60 feet in size and being really a part of the main room converts the entire store into one of the largest clothing houses in the city It is a marked improvement and gives Manager Kaufman great satisfaction as the enlarged floor space gives him many gratifying conveniences he did not enjoy before No store in the city has better light, nor better facilities for attending to the wants of patrons, while the stock is first class always

The furniture in the annex is up to date, luxurious and very handsome Those who visit the store will not fail to note the change and congratulate the management on the important improvement

Marriage and Supper

Anybody could tell last evening from the flourish parade that something unusual was going to happen in the Salvation Army ranks The procession on the street was imposing and noisy Miss Ollie Kidd of Lincoln, Neb and Harvey I Wood of this city, both soldiers of the Salvation Army, were united in marriage at the army barracks on Merchant street at 9 o clock in the presence of 500 people The ceremony was performed according to the ritual of the army by Major Nudie, commander of the Illinois division The contracting parties were attended by Secretary Lillie Keenan, of the local post and Lieutenant Marshall Inward of Quincy The hall was tastefully decorated for the occasion, and the affair was not only interesting but pleasing throughout, and nothing of the burlesque to it some people probably expected it to be After the ceremony supper was served

Births.

To Mr and Mrs Frank E Morris, East Center street, November 21—a son.

To Mr and Mrs John Kolouski, 537 North Lee street, November 21—a son

To Mr and Mrs Michael Farner, corner North Main and Marietta streets, on Thursday—a son

To Mr and Mrs William Christie of 1520 North Calhoun street, Friday—a daughter.

A BRILLIANT WEDDING.

Asa C Somerville, of Chicago, and Miss Alice S Piper United at the Altar

St John's Episcopal Church Crowded by Friends to Witness the Ceremony—Reception at the Dr W J Chenoweth Home

From Thursday's Daily

A fashionably attired company of neighbors and friends filled the beautiful auditorium of St John's Episcopal church at 8 30 o clock last evening to witness the marriage of Mr Asa C Somerville of Chicago and Miss Alice S Piper, of Decatur Rev Frank N Atkin, the rector, performed the ceremony in an impressive manner, while the assemblage looked on with mingled feelings of interest and admiration It was a lovely church marriage—a love match—and all present smiled approval and congratulations

The bridal party with the lavish and tasteful church decorations, presented a handsome picture At the hour appointed for the service, Miss Neta Clark played Mendelssohn's stately wedding march The maid of honor was Miss Bonnie Bartholomew who preceded the bride, attended by her grandfather Dr William J Chenoweth up the center aisle to the altar The bridesmaids were Miss Ada Haines and Miss Puss Hoskins who at the same time passed up the north aisle, and the ushers, who were Bruce Chenoweth, cousin of the bride, and Murray Millikin, marched up the south aisle At the altar the bride was met by the groom who was attended by his best man Charles Hoy They entered from the vestry, and in a few moments the marriage ceremony was completed. Dr Chenoweth gave the bride to the groom Mr and Mrs Asa C Somerville at the conclusion of the service faced the assemblage, and passed out to the waiting carriages, followed by Mr Hoy and Miss Bartholomew, Dr Chenoweth and Mrs E R Piper, mother of the bride, Mr Chenoweth and Miss Haines, Mr Millikin and Miss Hoskins

The bride was a picture of beauty and animation in a gown of rich white mousseline de soie over white satin short train and a sweeping bridal veil fashioned with white roses She carried a large bunch of bridal roses Miss Bartholomew was in white silk and carried pink roses Miss Haines was gowned in white mousseline de soie over pink silk and Miss Hoskins was attired in pale green gauze over green silk Both carried pink roses

The reception was held at the home of Dr and Mrs W J Chenoweth on West Wood street It was a brilliant and happy affair with the attractive home filled with friends to join in the congratulations and joy of the happy occasion A delicious repast was served The house decorations were beautiful Mrs Piper was assisted at the reception by Mrs J P Roach and Mrs O B Gorin Yellow lamps and yellow candelabra with flowers were the decorations in the dining room The bride received a fine collection of valuable gifts

At midnight Mr Somerville and bride departed for Chicago where they will make their home temporarily The ushers and bridesmaids were at the train in advance of the couple long enough to give them a surprise by decorating the bridal stateroom with white chrysanthemums and ferns, not forgetting the brides trunk, which was adorned with satin ribbons, a big bunch of chrysanthemums and a printed sign The inscription could not be learned It is a secret

Mr Somerville is studying law at the Northwestern University and will finish his course in two years He is a well known young man here and is a member of St. Johns church He has always been an active worker in the church and is highly respected by his many friends The bride is the only child of Mrs E R Piper and the only granddaughter of Dr W J Chenoweth She has always been popular in social circles and is greatly esteemed by a large circle of acquaintances

Among those from out of town at the wedding were Mrs Mary L Lefforgee Chen Lefforgee and Frank Stafford of Champaign, Mr and Mrs Theodore Nelson and Miss Lena Nelson, and Bruce Chenoweth and Ed Roe of Chicago.

Adjudged Insane

William H Griffith a farmer living near Macon was adjudged insane in the county court Friday evening by a jury composed of D O R Allen, D L Hughes, John S Jones R Hixson, Daniel Moore and Rodolph Thoman Griffith is 39 years old and has a wife and six children His first attack was about twelve years ago and they continued at intervals of thirty and sixty days each attack being more severe He would be very quiet for a day or two and then become irritable and profane His present attack has lasted for two weeks The cause assigned is worry over the serious illness of his wife

Dead Body Found

The mutilated body of a young white woman was found in an old Catholic cemetery at Raymond, 12 miles from Litchfield The body was somewhat decomposed but it is evident the woman had been murdered No woman is missing in the community, and the discovery creates a mystery in the minds of the people

Confined to His House

John B Robinson, book keeper at the office of the Lyon planing mill, is confined to his home on West Wood street Several days ago when the walks were slippery with a flurry of snow his feet slipped from under him and in saving himself from a fall he received such a wrenching that he cannot now get about

Dr. T. S. Hoskins, Dentist, Opera House Block, ground floor. jan 24-d&wtf

EWING HOME IN RUINS.

New House Destroyed by Fire—Foundation and Chimneys Saved

The new unfinished frame dwelling on the Edwin A Ewing tract of five acres, in the 1000 block on West Marietta street, was wholly destroyed by fire between 10 30 and 1 o'clock last night During the past summer and fall the house has been in course of construction, under the personal direction of Mr Ewing The roof was on and the house had been painted The plastering was nearly completed and the finishers were about to enter the house The house was to be heated by hot water, electricity was to be introduced, and mantels and grates were to be put in It was to have been a comfortable home of nine large rooms, in the suburbs, with all the modern conveniences the people enjoy in the city

There had been no fire in the house except in a small stove in the kitchen basement In some unaccountable manner the dwelling took fire in the basement at a point under the dining room where a lot of kindling had been stored away When discovered by Rev James Hobbs, who was driving past the house the flames were bursting out the side of the dwelling The alarm by telephone was sent in from the A L Hill residence near by, but as the firemen got the word over the wire the fire was located in the 400 block on West Marietta Chief Devore who led the procession, could see no blaze in that neighborhood, and there was some delay in trying to learn whether or not there was a fire Finally the flames rose high and the firemen started ahead to go seven blocks further west The nearest fire plug was over 2000 feet away, and direct pressure could not be used The two Chemical crews with the hook and ladder outfit were there, but the flames had attained such headway that the firemen could do nothing but protect adjacent property from destruction They saved a lot of portable articles in the unfinished house, such as radiators wooden horses used by the plasterers, etc

Mrs Ewing was at home alone when the fire broke out, occupying a small house at the west end of the premises Mr Ewing was in the city He was at the St Nicholas hotel and was reached by telephone He hurried to the scene in a carriage, and like the crowd which gathered, he could only stand by and see the handsome residence he had planned and built go up in smoke

The property was insured for $3 000 with Montgomery & Shull in the Home of New York There was still about $500 worth of material to be placed in the house, so that the allowance will be in the neighborhood of $2,500 There were three chicken incubators in the basement They were consumed

Mr Ewing is a chicken fancier, and has the place fixed up in good shape for the business He has a fine barn and a long string of chicken houses

The Lawrence Will

The will of the late Hon Charles S Lawrence has been filed for probate in the Logan county court at Lincoln By the provisions of the will all the real and personal property of the deceased goes to his daughters, Anna, Louise, Gwendolen Winifred, Margaret D and Frances T Lawrence, during their natural life, going thence to their descendants The will provides that Mr Lawrence's sister, Mrs Frances Turner, shall be appointed executrix without bond Mr Lawrence makes provision that the old homestead in Logan county and the home in Springfield shall not be partitioned or divided until his youngest child is of age, it being his intention that both of the above places shall be kept as a home for his children The estate embraces 880 acres of valuable land in Logan county and a handsome residence on the southwest corner of Seventh and Cook streets in Springfield

Married Another Man

From Thursday's Daily

Miss Nellie Martin of Wapella, and William L Murphy, of Arthur, were to have been married at the Catholic church in Decatur at 4 o'clock last evening Murphy had procured the marriage license, and he was ready to meet Nell at the altar, but after Murphy got the license he learned that the young woman had on Monday evening married another man, John Aldridge, an employe of the Illinois Central railroad They were married at Urbana Murphy did not go off and kill himself He simply called off all preparations and served notice on his friends who had planned to attend the marriage Mrs Aldridge has two sisters residing in Decatur, and she was here last week visiting them At that time there was no intimation that the young woman intended to fool Murphy

Death of Mrs J L Walton

Mrs Ada Walton, wife of J L Walton, who was taken ill with inflammation of the stomach last Sunday, died at 10 a m to day at the family home, 653 West Wood street, aged 29 years There are no children

The remains will be taken to Weldon to morrow, leaving Decatur at 9 40 a m Services will be held at the Presbyterian church The burial will be at Lane station

MARRIED.

At the English Lutheran church Wednesday evening Nov 20, at 7 30 o clock by Rev I C Oberly William L Huff and Miss Elizabeth Gray Wirtz

The couple will make their home in Decatur

By Judge Hammer at his office Nov 20 John Litzler and Miss Lila Frost, both of La Place

At the residence of Samuel T Young, near Blue Mound Nov 20 by Rev I M Underwood of Oregon Ill J W Diehl of Elwin and Miss Maria E Young

DIED

In Decatur on Howard avenue in the 1 000 block at 2 a m Nov 21 of diphtheretic croup Archie son of Mr and Mrs George Rupert aged 2 years

The funeral was held this afternoon.

Go to the Spencer & Lehman company for wood pumps, iron pumps, force pumps and pump repairs. feb6-d&wtf

SMITH IN HIS CELL.

He Sends Out a Statement and Is Confronted by His Wife

Real Cause of the Separation Plainly Stated by the Indignant Wife in the Presence of the Sheriff

From Friday's Daily

'Pacer Smith's Say on statement, coupled with a lot of rot as to his conclusions on moral and religious questions appeared in print last evening, given out as something new in reference to the double murder But there was nothing new in the whole composition The local papers have gone over the whole matter in the publication of repeated interviews had with Smith and the REPUBLICAN readers have known since the day after the tragedy Sept 28, all that Smith then had or now has to say in excuse for his awful crime Repeatedly he has said that he intended to kill his wife and child and now he says his purpose was to kill them because he wanted to be with them in heaven He claims that the killing of Edna Buchert, his sister in law was an accident, and he regrets that act, though, at first he said he had no regrets for killing her He tells all about his base ball career and alludes to his domestic life, declaring that he had decided to kill his wife and child because the wife refused to live with him That was the chief motive but in the statement he charges that the father of his wife is morally guilty of the crime in causing the motive for the alleged part he took in keeping the wife from living with her husband, persuading her as he charges to remain at his house

MRS SMITH AT THE JAIL

During the past few days Smith has frequently requested Sheriff Nicholson to get his wife, Maggie Smith, to visit him at the jail Last evening the sheriff visited Mrs Smith at her home on South Main street, and delivered Smith's request Mrs Smith had not read Pacer's say, but she had been told something about it to the effect that the murderer laid all the blame for the crime on her father She at once resolved that she would visit the jail and see her husband and the sheriff accompanied her Only the sheriff and the husband and wife were at the cell They occupied chairs The interview between the couple bore entirely upon what Smith had published in his statement Mrs Smith was calm and collected She repeatedly stated that she was wholly to blame for the separation, and that her father had nothing to do with it He had not persuaded her to leave him In the course of the talk Mrs Smith said in substance 'You know, Charley why I left you You were the cause of it and nobody else Whisky and women caused it, and you know it, and I can't see why it is you try to throw the blame on father He always treated you right after our marriage' Smith had little to say except to dodge the main issue and speak of what occurred before marriage and what he had done in sending money home when he was away playing ball Toward the close of the interview some reference was made to the murdered baby, when the mother sobbed piteously The sheriff led her away and escorted her home

STATEMENT BY MRS SMITH

In the presence of her father this afternoon Mrs Smith made this statement

EDS REPUBLICAN I desire to state that C N Smith and I were married December 26 1888 at Effingham Before going from Decatur to Effingham I received a telegram from Smith stating that he had been injured in a railroad accident and was at the point of death I was then past 16 years of age, and I left home to attend him and a few days later we were married Charley was not badly hurt when I reached him He was able to be around It is true that my father and my folks were opposed to the marriage At no time after my marriage to Smith did my father, Frank Buchert, ever by word or act seek to influence me in any way to leave my husband On the other hand he was a frequent visitor to my father's home, and occasionally ate at the table and slept at the house On February 21st, 1890, little Louise was born in a dwelling on South Franklin street where we were keeping house Charley had been at Indianapolis two weeks before the child was born He was not with me at the time of the birth and did not see the baby until it was nine days old The trouble between Charley and I began with the birth of Louise Charley did not treat me right then He sent me no word, and I lost confidence in him I became discouraged, and could not help thinking that he did not care for me or his home I resolved then that I would not and could not live with him any longer In the same year I left him, voluntarily without solicitation on the part of my father or any of my folks I went to live with my parents As before stated, my father never spoke to me about leaving Smith, nor did he do anything that would give Smith to understand he was not welcome in his home after our marriage If the motive for the tragedy of Sept 28 was our separation, then all the blame falls on me as to the act of separation, for I left Smith voluntarily, after weeks of reflection.

MAGGIE A SMITH

NEW ORDERS AS TO SMITH

A new rule by request of Father Brady has been applied to the admission of visitors to the presence of Smith The order is that none be allowed to see Smith except members of his family and his most intimate friends The priest says Smith has considerable studying to do now in preparation for the execution and that he should not be unnecessarily disturbed

Mrs Smith, the mother of the condemned man, and his sister, the latter in deep mourning, were in the office of the jail this afternoon waiting to be admitted Deputy Stabler, the day death watch, was temporarily absent He came back in a few moments. A young lady who said she was a Catholic, was also waiting She went up stairs with the mother of the prisoner.

REBEKAHS IN SESSION.

Mrs Connerton Springs a Sensation at the State Meeting

SPRINGFIELD ILL, Nov 20—The eleventh annual session of the Daughters of Rebekah of Illinois convened in the Senate chamber to day

According to rumor charges were made against one of the most prominent Rebekahs, and are preferred by a woman of the order The story in substance is that Mrs Nellie Harris present Vice President of the Rebekahs is in line for promotion to the Presidency Mrs J W Connerton also of Chicago opposes Mrs Harris Mrs Connerton charges that sensational proceedings in a divorce case some time ago held at Chicago should keep Mrs Harris from ever holding any office The story told by Mrs Connerton is that in 1888, Mrs Harris then Nellie Borchen, was an artist in McVicker's Theater building, Chicago, adjoining the office of Col James H Harris They, it is alleged flirted and Mrs Harris the wife of the colonel, brought a divorce suit, naming Nellie Borchen as co respondent The divorce was granted December 20 1888 Since that time Harris and Miss Borchen were married Col Harris and his wife indignantly deny the charges

The nomination of candidates for office this morning however resulted in Mrs. Harris being elected unanimously for vice president, Mrs Mary D Stone Vandant Mrs Wm Reeder Murphysboro, and Mrs Lucy Assey Cairo It is learned that the Grand Lodge will instruct the Daughters of Rebekah to file charges against Mrs Connerton and have her expelled for the stand she has taken against Mrs Harris

ROCK PLASTER TEST.

It Went Through the Opera Block Fire Unscorched

In the fierce and blistering heat of the destructive fire in the opera house block everything was withered or consumed in the march of the hungry flames except the fire proof Rock Plaster on the walls of the partitions in the Knights of Pythias hall It was proven conclusively by the test which the Rock Plaster underwent in that room that the material is fire proof The flames were fiercest over and all about the partitions, but the plaster held its own, keeping the partitions in place protecting the woodwork while the common plaster on the walls of the room crumbled away exposing the woodwork to the fire Rock Plaster is like steel and tile fire proof and it is natural that it should be in such great demand

S P Perry the manager of the Decatur Rock Plaster Company is more than pleased with the test in the fire It was an object lesson to architects and builders Rock Plaster on steel laths can be depended on to stop the progress of the fiercest of fires

It is not surprising therefore that the contract has been closed for ornamenting the new opera house with Rock Plaster

In the Wilderness

Below is a copy of a letter received from the camp of the Pioneer Hunting party now near Shelby Bolivar county, Miss

CAPTAIN BRACHAM Papers received Thanks We are having pretty good luck Three deer brought in yesterday (Nov 18) Yesterday one very large buck was killed by Ammann and two by the gentleman living at 515 West Wood street (Rainey) Knocked them both down and crippled the third at *one shooting* I am sending the heads to you to mount for me Some of the boys will leave for home Friday, who will bring some venison to be distributed among the families, including yourself Bo Bo (a big bear hunter), passed the camp last evening with his retinue of nabobs including negroes and dogs They had two large bears and I should think about an acre of dogs Just received a letter from home

J M RAINEY

Burial at Harristown

From Friday's Daily

Word has been received from Norwalk, O, announcing the death of Mrs T Demsey widow of the late Dr J N Demsey She is survived by two sons and six daughters Dr C F Demsey, of California J N Demsey, of Taylorville, Mrs Richard Rogers, of Latham, Mrs W E Gouge of Harristown Mrs William Beall, of Warrensburg Mrs T L Shaw of this city Mrs George Goodner of Quincy, and Mrs Horace Andrews of Norwalk O The body will arrive at Harristown Saturday

At Rest

The funeral of Joseph Hill was held at 10 30 o clock Thursday forenoon from the Shady Grove church The impressive services were conducted by Rev W L Bankson of Blue Mound The funeral was one of the largest ever held in that vicinity The pallbearers were John H Miller, Isaac Cornthwait T M Price, Joseph Dawson, Hiram Ward and Charles Connard The interment was at Mt Gilead cemetery

Hunt Is Gone

Sheriff Nicholson left this morning for Chester, having in custody George Hunt who was given a term in the penitentiary for assault to kill

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WIND, RAIN AND SNOW

Wrecks Vengeance on the Puny Works of Man

NIGHT OF TERROR IN THE WINDY CITY

Sky Scraper Toppling Falling Electric Towers Burden A Man Fighting the Storm

[illegible] Casualties, Etc.

A Night of Terror and Confusion in Chicago

CHICAGO, Nov 27 — This morning Chicago awoke cut off from all telegraphic communication with the outside world and with some uncertain and inadequate means of transportation not only to other cities but to its own suburbs. The steam railroads were blocked with drifts of wet snow, while the cable lines made little headway against the frozen slush and the trolley wires of the electric roads lay in tangled messes in the streets, shutting off the motive power of the cars and menacing the lives of men and horses. The telegraph and telephone companies threw up their hands and admitted that they had gone out of business temporarily, at least—and even the fire alarm lines, which are carefully guarded night and day in ordinary weather, were down, and orders were carried to the various engine houses by messengers.

There had not been such a general demoralization of telegraphic and railroad communication since 1888. The trouble was due to a combination of particularly unfavorable weather conditions. Snow began falling Sunday night. It was of that peculiarly pulpy consistency which caused it to stick to everything it touched as if it had been painted on by a whitewash brush. On Monday morning the new snow had formed a coating of this sticky substance on the walls of buildings on the sides of street cars and on the clothing of pedestrians, while the wires of the telegraph and telephone companies and the copper conductors of the electric lines had begun to assume a coat of new material, in the shape of a heavy rime. In the city the situation was even worse. The rapid slush was followed by a fall of temperature to 10 degrees above zero with wind and drizzle, which froze as it fell, did nothing to the surface of the streets. The sidewalks were slippery and the unwary pedestrian who stepped on a smooth hole was sure to find himself on his back in a mass of [illegible] stuff of a dirty yellow color. Teams of horses floundered and splashed through the half melted snow and the snow-covered streets of the street car lines contributed their quota to the general unpleasantness by piling up great windrows of slush in close proximity to the sidewalks and over the street crossings. As the day wore on the thermometer rose slightly with the effect of making the streets even more impassable and toward evening a storm of mingled rain and sleet set in.

The situation had thus become about as disagreeable as it well could be, but the actual damage was yet to come. About 6 o'clock the rain and sleet ceased and the sticky snow again made its appearance. The temperature also fell perceptibly and the snow froze to everything it touched as it fell. The telegraph, telephone, trolley and electric light wires already loaded almost to the breaking point, rapidly increased in diameter and as the wind rose to a velocity of forty-five miles an hour poles swayed, waved and finally gave way, falling into the streets, blocking all travel and threatening death to passers-by.

Telephone wires broke under the strain and fell across trolley lines, great flashes of vicious looking blue and green fire snapped in the air at the point of contact. Ten inch spikes cracked and sputtered in the telephone exchanges and drove the operators away from their switchboards in the telegraph offices. Hello girls, scrimmed superintendents were fuse plug plugs melted like wax, and by 10 o'clock the telegraph and telephone systems were at a standstill to all intents and purposes. At midnight both telegraph companies admitted that they were absolutely cut off from every point on their respective systems.

As for the transportation system, we in the city, they gave the fight up in early hour and except in a few instances suburban residents were compelled to walk long distances or remain at the down town hotels overnight. At midnight twelve inches of snow had fallen, the greatest quantity in any four hours of November for forty-five years past.

Some of the wires continued to work. A Milwaukee avenue cable car collided with a telephone wire and fell. In an instant the trolley was heated red white hot and the passengers left in the car walked through a sea of the dangerous wire. One man picked it up and threw it into the street.

At Forty-first street and Calumet avenue a freight train was drawn up to a dead stand by the snow.

At Twenty-ninth street and Cottage Grove avenue cars at South Park avenue and [illegible] avenue were moved and two or three cars standing out given spurts until they met each other.

At the corner West 16th street wires charged with 2,300 volts entangled themselves with a street car and Motorman [illegible] was struck by a bolt of fire. Conductor [illegible] was knocked down and dazed by the shock. The motorman fell to the surface of the street. The streets were slippery and the unwary pedestrian who stepped on a smooth hole was sure to find himself on his back in a mass of [illegible] stuff of a dirty yellow color. Teams of horses floundered and splashed through the half melted snow and the snow